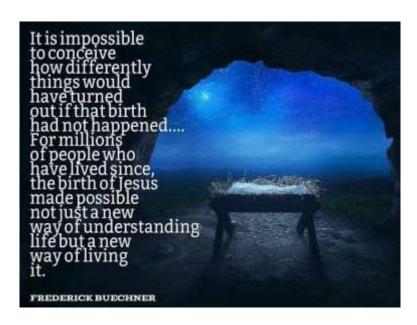
Epiphany Celebration 2019...Your Star Is Rising!

RING OUT THE GOOD NEWS: We Journey Beyond Bethlehem!



Welcome and Community News
Readying Ourselves for Worship: "Surely God Is In This Place"

Gathering As God's People

♦*Gathering Hymn: Hymnal #143 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

♦And the Children Will Lead The Way:
Pastor Karen and Our Kids' Share The Epiphany Story!

♦ Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

It is a time of Epiphany....our own epiphanies! As this new year begins, let us spend some time reflecting on the past and opening to God with us now, and into the future as we journey beyond Bethlehem. The Season's wisdom moves us to new inner spaces and outward places! Please use the star on the backside of the bulletin for your personal reflection and conversation with Holiness in this way...*Listen....*

Reflect: God is preparing your way to the life you long for through the giving of holy gifts to you. What are the gifts given within your secret heart this season that support your journey toward Jerusalem and beyond? Fill the star with your wisdom.

Reflect: Given the gifts you have received this season...your new wisdom, what is it you long for in this new year? ...for yourself and others? Shine it around the star!

♦ Sharing Our Inner Most Selves with God



♦Kyrie: (Found in <u>Worship and Praise</u>, #36. As you sing, you are invited to simply place your open palm over your heart, as you deeply invite God into your life this morning.)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

♦Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: God, frankincense and myrrh—how rich and exotic these gifts sound! Yet no richer than the gifts we carry, no more fragrant than the beauty of our lives, no more pungent than the suffering we know.

All: When the magi offered treasures of frankincense and myrrh, they thought them to be their greatest gifts. But perhaps their greatest treasure, the best gift of all, was the giving of their very lives....a trusting into faith.

Pastor: Brighter than the star they followed was the light the magi saw shining in the Christ Child. The real treasure that night was the light of Christ now in them...a light they carried with them from that stable to all the places and people of their lives.

All: And so do we! We shine everywhere we go!

♦Holy Communion

Please come forward as we sing first verses of "Angels We Have Heard on High," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "We Three Kings of Orient Are." As you come forward, please place offering in the plate provided and form a circle around the sanctuary.

- **♦*Passing of the Peace**
- ♦The Garlic Mustard Pickers play...and we dance!

Sending Forth with Blessing

Pastor: As we return home we are not the same. We travel by another way.

All: Thank God! We journey home another way! Our ways give way to God's ways!

♦ A Moment of Silent Reflection...

Sending Forth with Blessing

- ♦ *Departing Hymn: Hymnal #150 "As With Gladness Men Of Old"
- **♦*Blessing**
- **♦***Congregational Response:

Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your word lives on in us

♦*Postlude

♦ Epiphany Celebration in Fellowship Hall! ♦

Tippeca-News January 6, 2019

So glad you have come.

Join us for Tippe Café right after Worship here in the Sanctuary!

All Are Welcome!

TODAY and THIS WEEK at Tippe

<u>CHIILDREN'S WISDOM CIRCLE</u> second and fourth Sundays of each month after Kid's Time in worship!

Youth Circle for 5th-8th Graders first <u>Wednesdays</u> of the month, 6:30-7:45pm with Heatherlee.

<u>Monday Nights 6:30pm:</u> <u>Sanctuary Time of Belonging meeting</u> tomorrow night.

Come for this worshipful time of self-reflection and theological thinking as we informally gather around table in the sanctuary, closing each gathering in prayer and communion.

Shared Wisdom Circle meets at 10:30am in the parlor as we reflect on our individual and corporate lives through the lens of the wisdom teachings...*lectio style!*

AA Meeting is on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in Study Lounge.

TODAY and THIS WEEK at Living Waters

Center yourself...Sunday Centering meets 2nd-5th Sundays at 6pm. Join us for a time of quieting, opening us to the Holy within.

One Blessing meets 1st and 3rd **Tuesday** evenings in the sanctuary at 6:30pm.

Thursday Centering meets 2:30pm in the parlor.

<u> UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS</u>

Lunch Bunch meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:45am at Applebee's on Holt Avenue.

Zensational Yoga for children meets quarterly in the sanctuary. Next time is 1:00pm on Sunday, February 17th. All children welcome!

Science Saturdays Return!
Open to K-4 through 5th graders!
Forms available at back of sanctuary or on-line
at tippechurch.org!

Meditative Song Circle



First Friday Nights monthly, 6:30-8 pm. Next meeting: February 1st