

# Epiphany & Communion Sunday

January 6, 2013

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\* HYMN, #63 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of  
our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses.

Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain  
desires, that with reverent and humble hearts  
we may draw near to you, confessing our  
faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in  
you our refuge and strength; through Jesus  
Christ your Son.

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI Hymn #579

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 60:1-3

ANTHEM (11:00) "Wise Men Saw the Light" Larson/Martin

"Dreamers missed the miracle  
Sleepers missed the light.  
Wise Men saw the miracle.  
Wise Men saw the light."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*Children ages four- first grades depart for children's worship*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "How We Experience the Trinity"  
*"His name shall be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty  
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6)*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN, #139 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

\* THE APOSTLES' CREED *Hymnal, Page 14*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy.....who  
forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hosanna in the highest!"

That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence eternally  
rejoice.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN, #68 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

## WORSHIP NOTES

Rod Wolfe is the liturgist.

Today we receive the sacrament of communion by intinction (congregation comes down aisle to your right, returns by opposite aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and say "Thanks be to God!")

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave will begin a new sermon series, "Jesus' Path to a Blessed Life: the Beatitudes." On Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> the message will be "The Blessedness of Knowing Our Need" from Matthew 5:1-13.

Sermons from December 16, 23 and 30 are available in print in the vestibule of the sanctuary and outside the church office.

Pastor Dave is available for individual meetings with members of the congregation Monday-Friday in the afternoons, or on Saturdays when circumstances require it. Email him at [david.stull.handley@gmail.com](mailto:david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

‡ Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of your pew. Write prayer concerns and notes to the church office on the cards found in your pew and place them in the offering plate.

\* If you are able, please stand.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### Sunday, January 6

We will undecorate the church today immediately after 11:00 worship. Volunteers are needed to help!

4-6:00 pm **Middle School and Senior High Youth Group** meet at the AOC.

### Monday, January 7

7:00 am **Men's Breakfast** at Shoney's (corner of Kraft & 2<sup>nd</sup> St.) All men, all ages, are invited to join us in conversations about life and faith! A brief devotional follows the meal.

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** meets at the Guadalajara Grill, 1068 South Riverside Dr. Join us for some lively discussion!

### Tuesday, January 8

10:00 am **PW Morning Circle** meets.

5:30 pm **Yoga class** in the fellowship hall.

5:30 pm **Committee Chairpersons Orientation** will be held from 5:30-6:15 pm. Basic essentials in leading a church committee will be discussed.

7:00 pm **Presbyterian Women Night Circle** meets in the church library.

### Wednesday, January 9

10:00 am **Bible Study** group meets in the church library

6:30 pm **Senior Highs meet** at Chick-Fil-A on Madison Street. Please money for dinner.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday lunch** will be January 13 immediately following the 11:00 service.

**Ordination and Installation of new elders** will be during worship on January 13. Elders are: Arland Batson, Laura Black, Doug Hildreth, Leong Lee, Tracy Jackson, Karlee Kimmell, Sarah Morgan, Carolyn Riggins, Liz Thomas, and Denice Williamson.

**You are invited to Dinner and a Benefit Concert for Briana Larsen** at FPC as she prepares to go to Ghana to study West African Music and do mission work with children, on Sunday, January 13 at 5:30 pm. You will be given an opportunity to assist Briana in this work with a love offering at the end of the concert.

**Pastor Dave is the featured speaker at the Martin Luther King Unity Service** to be held on Monday, January 21, 6:00 pm at the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 709 Franklin Street. This expression of unity among all the churches is a fulfillment of Jesus' prayer in

Gethsemane, "...that they may all be one so the world may believe." (John 17:21). Come join us!

**Planning Day** will be on Saturday, January 26, beginning at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. This is a time for members and visitors to our church to get involved with the various committees of the church. We meet at 9:00 am for coffee & announcements and then split up into committees and go to individual meeting rooms to plan programs and events for 2013. At 11:30 everyone returns to the fellowship hall for lunch which will be prepared by the Fellowship Committee (previously called Congregational Life). Copies of printed Committee descriptions are available in the vestibule and outside the church office.

**The Presbyterian Women Luncheon** will be Monday, January 28, at 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The program will be on the "Habitat Mission" and will be given by Shelby Logsdon. We will be awarding PW Honorary Life Memberships to some lovely ladies. They don't know who they are, so come join the surprise and fun. We will begin collecting items for SafeHouse: winter hats, gloves and scarves, gently-used purses filled with travel size toiletries, and canned foods. The meal is catered (\$10) and the menu is BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, fruit cobbler, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee. Reservations are required for your meal and/or child care so please sign up on the bulletin board.

**2013 Offering Envelopes** (for those who requested them) may be picked up at the table outside the church office. Anyone else who would like envelopes, call Connie in the church office, 645-6551. To avoid confusion, please discard all 2012 envelopes.

**Women's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat** at NaCoMe, Friday, Feb. 1-Sun. Feb 3. More info will be available in upcoming bulletins.

**Craft Fair Photos** are available on the table outside the church office where parents may pick up their child's photo.

**The church office has re-chargeable gift cards** from Kroger that support our youth programs with a 4% return to our church on all your Kroger purchases (food, prescriptions, gas, etc). To date we have received \$7,096.85.

## NOVEMBER 2012 FINANCE REPORT

Income for Nov.	\$45,403.00
Expenses for Nov.	\$37,158.92
Net Operating Total for Nov.	\$8,244.08
Year to date Income	\$476,052.26
Year to date Expenses	\$471,469.01
Year to date Operating Total	\$4,583.25



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*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,  
We seek to know God's love and share it  
With each other, our community, and the world.  
We invite you to join us in this journey  
of discipleship!*

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