

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania
January 6, 2013

Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow.”*

Please refrain from talking during the prelude as others are in silent meditation.

Organ Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“We Three Kings”*

#172

...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Pastor: A new day has dawned, a New Year begun.

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

Pastor: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

Pastor: We enter this New Year with hope and excitement.

People: O Lord, remind us that You lead us. O Lord, guide us as we look to You, and worship You. Amen.

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins.

All: God of light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the fading light of personal salvation. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all the

world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another with compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: The Mystery is being revealed—God’s love is for all people, God’s purpose is for all people. There is nothing you can do that will separate you from God’s love. Rather, God has called us to love one another and to forgive. Seek forgiveness and you will know you are forgiven. Seek to love others, and you will know God’s love. This is the Good News. Amen.

Sung Response: “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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The People of God Share the Word of God

Loud Offering

Children’s Sermon (10:30)

The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

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Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

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If you would like to follow the readings, the Bibles are under the hymnal rack.

Sermon: *“Bring Gifts”*

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

...All May Stand...

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and

earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern
Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation
Organ Offertory (8:00)
Sr. Choir Anthem (10:30) *"Songs of the Star"* Martin
...All May Stand...

The Offertory Response: *"Doxology"* #46
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication and Commitment

We Share the Lord's Supper

Invitation
Great Thanksgiving
Pastor: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to God.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to God most high.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer
Seraphic Hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory; Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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Words of Institution

Consecration of the Elements

Pastor: Consecrate, therefore, by Your Word and Spirit, both us and these gifts of bread and wine, that in receiving them at this table, and in offering here our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and one another, and remain faithful to the tasks He sets before us.

People: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to You, eternal God, and give thanks that You have called us to serve You. Amen.

Pastor: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the life Christ gives. Come, for all things are ready.

The Communion & the Blessing

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer we pray. Amen.

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Commission:

Pastor: Today and every day, take care of one another, knowing that each of you is God’s gift to this community and to the world.

People: Amen.

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: “*Sing of God Made Manifest*” #176

Silent Moment

Organ Postlude

Welcome! Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord—when the Messiah was first made known to Gentiles as well as Jews. God’s love is for everyone. Welcome!

Preparation for Worship: As the Wise Men followed the star to the infant Jesus, we’ve followed the leading of your Spirit to come today and worship you, Lord. We bring our gifts of prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

The story behind Epiphany

Epiphany is the Christian festival celebrated each year on January 6. Along with Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, it is one of the oldest Christian holy days.

The festival was first celebrated in the Eastern Church (Orthodox) and was adopted in the Western church by the fourth century. Epiphany commemorates the first “showing forth” or manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles, particularly the Magi or Wise Men. The Epiphany story is meant to explain that Christ was not just for the Jews, but for non-Jews (Gentiles) as well, anywhere in the world.

The eve of Epiphany is called Twelfth Night and relates to the arrival of the Wise Men from the East at the birthplace of the Lord in Bethlehem.

TODAY’S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

Acolytes: Ian Correa & Jonathon Krippe
Greeters: George Bayer & Bill Knappenberger
Lay Reader: Curt Fehr
Ushers: Jackie Knappenberger, John Zayaitz, Tom Gable, Jean Deischer, Jonathan Keck, Barry Miller
Sound System: Mike Ackerman

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Ainsley Hanna & Annika Herbine
Greeters: Olivia DeLong, Anna Jane Kelley, Rachel Wentz
Lay Reader: Les Schoenberger
Ushers: Larry Delhagen, John Hill, Tom Capehart, Dave Davis, Christine Hanna, Darren Labenberg, Drew Labenberg, Richard Miller
Sound System: Don Keck
Nursery: Kris Wentz & April Pinto
Tape Ministry: Harold Huber
Hospitality: Mary Lou Hilbert
Flower Delivery: Marty Beers

Church time nursery is located across the hall from the family room. **Children’s Bulletins** are available for age groups 3 to 6 and 7 to 12. **Large-print Bulletins** are available for anyone who requests one.

Please ask our ushers to assist you with any of these needs

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 6, Epiphany

8:00 am Worship and Holy Communion
9:00 am Jr. Choir
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship and Holy Communion

Monday, January 7

7:00 pm Board of Christian Education
6:30 pm Troop 61130

Tuesday, January 8

8:00 am L & R Cemetery Meeting
9:00 am Quilts for Kids
6:30 pm Informal Worship Service
7:00 pm Consistory Meeting
7:00 pm Jenn's House Board Meeting
7:30 pm Brain Tumor Support Group

Wednesday, January 9

9:30 am "Getting Unstuck"
6:30 pm Scouts
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:45 pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, January 10

10:15 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm All Dens
6:30 pm Jr/Cadettes

Saturday, January 12

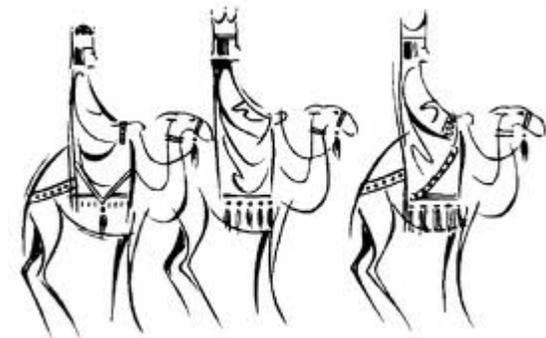
8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon
9:45 am Al Anon

Sunday, January 13

8:00 am Worship
8:50 am Jr. Choir
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

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139 North Fourth Street, Emmaus, Pennsylvania

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Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, January 6, 2013

Special thanks to all who helped decorate the church during the Advent & Christmas season!

REMINDER FROM SPECIAL GIFTS: Have you included St. John's in your will? The Special Gifts Committee requests that you prayerfully consider including a bequest/gift to St. John's in your will or estate planning documents. Your generosity will aid St. John's in its continued service to our Congregation and our Community. If you have any questions, please call Tom Capehart at 484-224-2780 or Larry Delhagen at 610-782-5405. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin!

Hurricane Sandy Emergency Mission: Over the coming months the Penn Northeast Conference will be organizing to help others clean up and rebuild; times and places will be announced. If you would like to make a donation for the cleanup efforts, **please make your checks payable to St. John's UCC Emmaus and designate on the memo line "Church World Service."** All funds will go to help people in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, and Delaware.

Tuesday Evening Worship Services at 6:30 pm: This service is one half hour long and is intended for the growing group of people who work on Sunday mornings, and for others who may have commitments or events on Sunday mornings. **Come as you are!**

Church Hospital Code Number is 466! The pastors visit our hospitalized members. If you, or a member of your family enters the hospital, please ask the hospital to place the patient's name on church code #466, St. John's UCC, Emmaus or call the church office to inform us at 610-965-9158. **Recently hospitalized: *Arlene Bachman***

Greeting Cards: Please take a minute to sign the cards in the narthex for members on our home visitation list, folks who need a lift, or just to say "hello" and send our Christian greetings. Today we are signing cards for: ***Harold & Eleanor DeRemer, Ray Mentzer, Barry Barto & family, Bonnie Burdette & family, Elda Acker***

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2013. The deadline for the Annual Report is Sunday, January 27.

Confidentiality: It is important that we honor the rights to privacy of medical information for our St. John's members. If someone in the congregation shares a prayer concern, a medical issue, or hospitalization information with you, **please ask their permission** before sharing that information with the pastors, Undershepherd Ministry, Prayer Tree or church office, or for announcement in worship. If you are hospitalized or are sharing any prayer concerns, the pastors will ask your permission before disclosing information to anyone beyond the pastoral staff.

Flower and Bulletin sponsorship charts for 2013 are posted in the 4th Street vestibule. Please fill out the yellow form and drop it in the envelope next to the charts. If you have any questions, please call Shirley Weidner or the church office.

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Ronald & Carol Mutchler in memory of departed family members.

Bulletin and Altar Flower sponsors are needed for the remainder of January.

Anyone interested in delivering flowers after the last service on Sunday morning (once every month or two) should call the church office, or call Shirley Weidner at 610-967-1990.

The white rose on the altar is in memory of May Barto.

Church Attendance – Sunday, December 30 –10:30 AM – 87

Income Report for December 30, 2012 –

Mortgage Account - \$6,856 (BOFFT) Building Blocks, Building Fund)

General Fund - \$3,042



January Mission Project, The Lehigh County Conference of Churches Linkage Program, Ben Stephen, Program Coordinator. The Linkage Program offers alternatives to life on the street, links the homeless to appropriate agencies for assistance and/or treatment and strives to move the homeless toward self-sufficiency.

We can help by collecting the following items: Mens warm hats, gloves and socks. Personal care items: deodorant, soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes and razors. There is a box in the Narthex for your donations. Please give as you are able.