



Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

*Childcare is available from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 3 of the Kuhn Education Wing.
We also invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary.*

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).

Greeting you today are Ellen Hopkins, Rick Woodard, and John & Monica Zazworsky.

Providing fellowship refreshments are John & Monica Zazworsky.

*Manning the audio/video booth and streaming the service are Bud Swartz, Jeff Heiss,
and Dale Meadowcroft.*

Teaching Kirk Kids are Andrea and Nate Ebeling.

The flowers are given by Bobbie Kitzmiller in loving memory of her husband, Clarence.

Last week's flowers were presented by Gail Mark in loving memory of her husband, Lenny.

Today's liturgy is from Sanctified Art's "From Generation to Generation." ©A Sanctified Art LLC

*Worship begins with the first note of the prelude – may we silence our voices and open our
hearts, allowing the music to draw us together into the presence of God.*

Prelude

Glorify Thy Name

Donna Adkins

Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers. Calling all glass-half-full optimists
and lighthouse keepers. Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers.
Bring your questions, your hope, your faith, and your fear into this space.

P: **Christ has been born within us. We have come to worship the Savior of the
World.**

*Hymn 141

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

*Call to Confession

What is so remarkable about the Magi is that they go looking for God. Actively and
consistently, day by day, they follow the star until it guides them to Jesus. We all strive
to be like them, yet we must admit that at times, we tend to follow God with only part

**Those who are able are asked to please stand.*

of our hearts. We tend to get distracted and lost, taking exit ramps off the road, following whatever new shiny sign is present. It's part of being human. In the prayer of confession, we acknowledge that more often than we'd like to admit, we find ourselves following the wrong star. Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession

God of starlight, forgive us for failing to look for you in our midst. Forgive us for our tendency toward following our own wisdom and getting lost in the noise and distractions of this world. We long to be more like the Magi, walking with our eyes and hearts focused on you. In your mercy, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news. No matter how far we have strayed from following the dawning light of Christ, our Lord forgives us and washes us anew with words of grace, belonging, and love. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria (Hymn 583)

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

Children's Message

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

(After the message, preschool and elementary-age children are invited to follow volunteers to the Little Kirk for an age-appropriate worship experience.)

First Scripture Reading (OT, p.690)

Isaiah 60:1-6

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Star in the East

Larry Shackley

The Chancel Choir; Kellen Mikesell, violin

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p.2)

Matthew 2:1-12

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“From Generation to Generation: We Keep Seeking”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

Hymn 147

The First Nowell

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

We Three Kings
Kellen Mikesell, violin

arr. Matt Riley

*Doxology (Tune: "Old Hundredth")

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

God of open horizons and open roads, like the Magi so many years ago, we are here, seeking you. Step by step, we have wandered into this space with the hope of feeling you in our midst. Step by step, you have claimed us and loved us. Today we have drawn Epiphany Words. For some, these words are full of meaning, challenge, and invitation already. For others, these words are a blank canvas — inviting you into our lives. So, as a new year dawns, we pray that just as you have spoken to the generations before us, you would speak to us again. Allow us to use these Epiphany Words as a tool that might help us hear you more clearly. May they guide us, as the star guided the Magi. And in a year, may we find ourselves here, together again, with mouths full of praise for the ways in which you have been present with us. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Gathering Song 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving/The 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Music During Communion *Jesus Paid It All*

arr. Joseph Linn

Prayer After Communion

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

*Hymn 145

What Child Is This

*Benediction

Postlude

Our Great Savior
Kellen Mikesell, violin

J. Wilbur Chapman

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 8

Preschool Farm Week Begins; Fellowship Hall (stage side)

10 a.m. — Staff Meeting; Pastor's Study

7 p.m. — Staff Commission Meeting; Blue Room

Tuesday, January 9

6 p.m. — West Shore A.A. Big Book Study; Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. — Kirk Families Team Meeting; Blue Room

Wednesday, January 10

10 a.m. — Prayer Fellowship; Blue Room

5:30 p.m. — Property & Maintenance Commission Meeting; Blue Room

6 p.m. — Handbell Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

7 p.m. — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

Thursday, January 11

10 a.m. — Dorcas Circle Meeting; Fellowship Hall (meeting area)

11 a.m. — Worship & Fine Arts Ministry Meeting; Blue Room

Friday, January 12

Preschool Closed

Saturday, January 13

9:30 a.m. — PW Second Saturday Breakfast; Silver Spring Diner

11 a.m. — Memorial Service for Pam Gale; Sanctuary (visitation precedes beginning at 9 a.m.; reception follows in Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, January 14

9 a.m. — Exegesis Adult Sunday School Class; Blue Room and via Zoom

9 a.m. — Men's Bible Study; Green Room

9:45 a.m. — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service; Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. — Brass Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- Today, we welcome our new organist and choirmaster, **Byron Mikesell**. His family also will be participating in today's service. Please join us for fellowship today and introduce yourself to the Mikesells!
- **On Sunday, Jan. 21, join us after worship for lunch, followed by the live performance art known as "Chalk Talk."** Elva Hurst will share stories for all ages through the use of fluorescent chalk, music, and sound effects. Her program finishes with a light show that brings her artwork to life. **Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, Jan. 17,** for this fun intergenerational event.
- Thank you, CHPC members and friends, for your generous and thoughtful staff Christmas gifts. **We wish you God's blessings in the New Year!**—Nancy, Stuart, Don, Andrea, Dana, Kem, and Frank
- Plan now to attend our **Fall Women's Retreat! It will be held from 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, to noon on Sunday, Oct. 6, at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, Pa.** All women are invited to Join us for this time of prayer, fellowship, rest, and renewal in the beauty of autumn in the Poconos. Total cost for lodging and meals is \$250 per person. **Please RSVP to Pastor Nancy by Friday, Jan. 12,** if you can attend.
- **Beginning Sunday, Jan. 21, CHPC and other area churches will be participating in "Courageous Conversations,"** an education series that aims to get people talking about important topics related to our Christian faith and our commitment to living out Matthew 25. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.
- Through mid-February, the **Deacons will again be collecting over-the-counter medicines and other needed items for the Christ Lutheran Church Free Medical Clinic** in Harrisburg's Allison Hill neighborhood. Items can be placed in the boxes in the Gathering Place and outside the church office.
- **"The Bible and Race," a Presbytery-wide Bible study, will be held on Tuesdays, Jan. 16 through March 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.** Pastors from congregations throughout the Presbytery will lead each session; Pastor Nancy will teach on Feb. 13. To participate, use the Zoom Meeting ID 825 0227 3234, Passcode 226366 at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoduqqTgoGdAXsaVlAqz02WwJsOnXC6ng>.
- **The Harrisburg Area Food Pantry is in need of toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant.** Please leave these items, as well as non-perishable food items, in the Donation Station area of the Gathering Place.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME & INCLUSION

As followers of Jesus, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We are committed to creating an inclusive space of belonging and safety. Therefore, this community of faith welcomes into full participation, membership, and leadership persons of diverse age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, level of education, class, and income.

Rooted in the Reformed tradition, we affirm that “God alone is Lord of the conscience,” allowing for a breadth of diverse theological and biblical interpretations. We covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we apply our faith in the circumstances of our lives and in the matters of our world.

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