



EPIPHANY SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2014

ALL ARE WELCOME

Whether you are young or old, rich or poor, doubtful or hopeful ... no matter where you are in your faith journey, YOU are welcome here. For those with children, be assured that noises and wiggling are expected and encouraged during worship.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Early Service
in the McCune Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Family Service
in the Sanctuary

SoJo Community in The
Lounge
**Will resume on Jan. 12, 2014.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Will resume on Jan. 12, 2014.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Will resume on Jan. 15, 2014.

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Council meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month, excluding December, in the Robertson Room. **Crystal Branta**, Chairperson

ORDER OF WORSHIP
JANUARY 5, 2014

Prelude

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

arr. Janet Linker

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Please pass the Friendship Roster located at the end of your pew.

Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**The brightness of God's light
shines upon all the nations.**

All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

God gathers us from far away and carries us.
With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,
we receive the abundance God gives.

We respond in praise.

With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"We Three Kings Of Orient Are"

No. 151

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

(Pew Bible Page 602, Large Print Page 1,120)

Rev. Drew Filkins

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 80)

God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion (8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)

New Testament Lesson **Matthew 2:1-12**

(Pew Bible Page 783, Large Print Page 1,469)

Prayer of Confession

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Passing the Peace of Christ

(Please stand if able.)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) **"Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"**

arr. Carol Schalk

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Sermon

"Light Is Breaking Through"

A dialogical sermon Pastors Andrew and Drew

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Offertory

"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

arr. Paul Manz

Act of Praise *(Please stand if able.)*

**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.**

Prayer of Dedication (inspired by Ephesians 3:8)

Though we are least among the saints, O God, still you have given us the gift of your grace that we might share with others the boundless riches of Christ, and also the resources we hold in trust. Receive now, we ask, what we have given today. Use these offerings and use us for your plans and purposes. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Closing Hymn
(Please stand if able.)

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

No. 113

Benediction

Postlude

"Praise Be To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"

Helmut Walsh

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible (CTR)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (L)

11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative
Movement Class (G)

7:00 p.m. Council of Elders (RR)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview
Bible Study (RR)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 a.m. Men's Morning Book Study (RR)

12:00 p.m. Men's Noon Book Study (L)

6:30 p.m. Thursdays with Jesus (RR)

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 a.m. Worship Service (C)

9:00 a.m. Carol Choir (CC)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service (S)

6:00 p.m. SoJo (L)

ROOM KEY: C = Chapel; CC=Children's Chapel
CTR = Centennial Room; CR = Choir Room; G = Gymnasium;
FH = Friendship Hall; L = Library; N = Newton; R = Rotunda;
RR = Robertson Room; S = Sanctuary; SSH = Snider Social Hall;
TL = The Lounge; YP = Youth Parlor