

Please pray for:

OUR VISION

We seek to be a Christ-centered church family that fosters deeper relationships with God and each other as we reach beyond the walls of the church.

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We welcome your feedback and suggestions:

January 7, 2024

LISTEN UP!

Mark 1:4-11



Since 1730

EPIPHANY SUNDAY/
 THE COMING OF THE WISE MEN
 JANUARY 7, 2024
 8:30 A. M. WORSHIP

IN WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

The Opening Word

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light"
(Genesis 1:3, NIV).

GATHERING

Opening Music

James Tucker, organ

Welcome/Prayer

*Congregational Hymn #288 (vs. 1,2,5)

"We Three Kings"

(Connect forms will be collected as we sing the last verse.)

Coming to Terms with Ourselves and God

Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession 1 John 1:10; Psalm 51:2,10 (NIV)

Leader: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Wash away all my iniquity

People: and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

People: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is past, a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

ALL: Amen.

Greeting Each Other With The Peace of Christ

A Time of Prayer (concluding with 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 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.

THE WORD

The Word of God (Old Testament)

Genesis 1:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Word of God (New Testament)

Mark 1:4-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Today's Message

"Listen Up!"

"I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit"
(Mark 1:8, NIV).

Reverend Kerry Riddle

*What We Believe

Heidelberg Catechism (Germany, 1563)
4.069

Q: How does baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

A: In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Communion Hymn #460

"Let us Break Bread Together"

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Hymn #247

"Let's Worship and Adore Him"

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Closing Announcements and Blessing

*Hymn #290 (vs. 1,2,3)

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

*Music as We Depart to Serve

"Once in Royal David's City" (Traditional)

**You are welcome to stand.*

+ Elders are available at the front of the sanctuary for prayer as worship concludes.

+ Following worship you are invited to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

CONNECT FORM

Welcome! Use this form to connect with us. Register a prayer request, indicate your interest in some area of our church life, and/or tell us about yourself. Please place the form in the collection plate.

Mr./Mrs./Ms.

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Please Check One:

___ First Time Guest ___ Member

___ Regular attender ___ Returning guest (2-5x)

Age group: (circle) 13-18 19-29
30-39 40-49 50-59 60-up

Children's ages (circle) <1 1 2 3 4 5 or
Grades (circle):
K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

How can we serve you?

___ I would like to know how to become a Christian.

___ I would like to know more about this church.

___ I would like information regarding membership.

___ I would like to know more about:

___ My prayer request(s) are on the back of this form.