

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas

MORNING WORSHIP ~ 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

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### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The service of worship begins with the music.*

*Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty of God, in its quietness, God's peace.*

~ WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ~

**\*\*WELCOME, REGISTRATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*(Please sign the attendance sheet and pass it to the end of the pew for usher pickup.)*

**THE PRELUDE** Ryland Brown

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE HYMN NO. 245** "The First Noel" (verses 2-5)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 60:1-6

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.**

Leader: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**People: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.**

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**People: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.**

**\*A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA:**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

**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.**

**THE MORNING PRAYER**

*(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.*

*People Respond: Hear our prayer.)*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY** OLD 100th

**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.**

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

**SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 NT PG 2**

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem.

**THE MESSAGE** Rev. Alex Stevenson

"Matt and the Wise Men"

~ WE GIVE THANKS AND SHARE

**HOLY COMMUNION~**

**INVITATION** (All are welcome)

**CONFESSION AND PARDON** PG. NO. 12

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** PG. NO. 17

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (prayed together)

**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.**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

If you are not able to come forward, the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

(You are invited to sing these hymns as others are receiving communion.)

No. 217 "Away in the Manger"

No. 219 "What Child is This?"

No. 249 "There's a Song in the Air"

No. 251 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus, the Christ our Lord. Amen.**

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

**\*THE HYMN NO. 254** "We Three Kings"

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

**People: Hearts on Fire ... Seeking, Sharing,  
Serving ... For God!**

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

*\*Congregation will please stand as able.*

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### THE DAY OF EPIPHANY

On the Christian calendar the celebration of Christmas lasts for 12 days from Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> until Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> is a special day on the church calendar which celebrated the visit of the wise men. In some cultures this is the day for gift giving not Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. If Jan 6<sup>th</sup> does not fall on a Sunday it is celebrated the Sunday before the 6<sup>th</sup>. This also marks the beginning of the season of Sundays after Epiphany. An Epiphany is a revelation of God. Like the burning bush or the star of Bethlehem. During this season which lasts until Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> this year the readings for worship each Sunday focus on some revelation of God. So as the new year begins, look for the light of God to be revealed in your life.

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE IN MEMORY** of their son, Charles Benjamin Bolt, by John & Mary Bolt.

**CONNECT BEGINS ON JANUARY 11...**Make sure you have your meal reservations set for this new year. If you were on the permanent list, you still are unless you let Susan Hamilton know. If you would like to be, please let her know.

**THE WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will begin a study of the **Gospel According to Luke** on Wednesday, **January 18, 2017**. We meet at 10:00 am on Wednesdays in the Mac Vinson Companions classroom. The lessons for the first few weeks will be:

- January 18: Chapter 1: Prelude to a Messiah
- January 25: Chapter 2: Jesus' Birth and Childhood

### PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing **Thursday, December 28, 2016:**

**Home:** Doyle Clark, Phil Waynick, Lynette Ruff, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Russell Parker, Freida Parker, Bill Taylor, Frankie Boling, Tommy Finch, Justin Hadel, Margaret Justus, Ann Armstrong **NHC-Boiling Springs** Pete Hendrix

**At Son's in Greenville:** Julia Burdette

**Myrtle Beach:** Randy Hale/**Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale

**NHC-Cola:** Vera Chrismon **NHC-Mauldin:** June Powell

**Haywood Estates:** Joan Pawlus, Ann Linse

**Brookdale at Hawthorne:** Marshall & Nita Bearden

**The Palmettos:** Atrice Hughey **Oakleaf Village:** Bill Hall

**The Cascades:** Patty Andersen, Patti Whelchel

**Rolling Green:** Margaret Britton, Jan Ellington, Wilma Tiedeman, Audrey & Wayne Rowan

**Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC:** Nancy Reitz

**Brookdale @ Cleveland Park:** Janie Hunt, Ruth Gunter

### ATTENDANCE

**December 24- 5:00 pm 452 & 9:00 pm 90**

**December 25- 11:00 am 97**

### CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

11:00 am Worship Services

**Monday, January 2:**

11:00 am Prime Timers Luncheon

**Tuesday, January 3:**

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry - Library

**Thursday/Friday, January 5 & 6:**

Church Office Closed

**Sunday, January 8:**

8:45 & 11:00 am Worship Services

10:00 am Confirmation & Sunday School Class

3:00 pm Cindy Harter Circle Meeting – Soul Cafe

5:00 pm Youth & Parent Meeting @ The House

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2016 General Budget Needs \$747,096.00

**Budget Needs (YTD) 750,467.21**

Receipts Week # 52 (12/25) 11,352.77

**Receipts YTD 747,096.00**

Total Expenses (YTD) 682,341.27

*E-Giving QR Code*



### SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** 11:00 am Ann Ayer & Cheryl LePorte

**Communion Servers:**

11:00 am Tom & Nancy Angster, Betty Hinkle

**Acolytes:** 11:00 am Ansley Addis

**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Julian Gettys

**Usher Captains:** 11:00 am David Rose

**Ushers:** 11:00 am Clay Garrison, David Ayer, Cody Owens

### MINISTRY STAFF

The Rev. Alex Stevenson, Pastor (ext. 207)

Johannah Myers, Director of Christian Formation (ext. 211)

Ruth Hughes, Director of Children's & Leisure Min. (ext. 204)

Luke Browder, Dir. of Music (ext. 208)

Ryland Brown, Musician

Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center (ext. 202)

Josh Consalvo, Director of Youth (ext. 209)

Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications (ext. 210)

Norma Dempsey, Financial Secretary (ext. 206)

**MINISTERS – THE CONGREGATION**

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00-Noon

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### MISSION STATEMENT

... We are called to make disciples by embracing all people with God's love in Christ and equipping each other for service to God and His world.

### VISION STATEMENT

*Hearts on Fire...Seeking, Sharing, Serving...For God!*



*Welcome to*

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**Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors  
The people of The United Methodist Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*