

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.
- ❖ Presbytery: Reformed University Fellowship UNL (Campus Pastor Thomas Kuhn).
- ❖ Missions: Chuck and Nancy Larsen - Water4Haiti
- ❖ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Rachel Goodbrake (Andrew David Arthur born 7/22), Kristin Holl, Bethany Remm.

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)
Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, David Lano
Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)
WIC: Annie Hooton (President), Sarah Salyer (Secretary), Anika Fong (Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kacia Hughett (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Deborah Anderson (Women's Fellowship), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship)
Youth Group: Eric Wood
Custodians: Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood

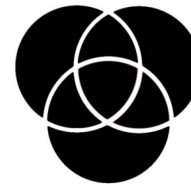
WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

What is Epiphany?

The English word "Epiphany" is derived from the Greek *epiphainein*, which means "to appear" or "to manifest." The Epiphany season has to do with the Lord's manifestation or appearance to the nations. Epiphany (January 6) and the season called by the same name (from January 6 through February 7) celebrate the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, beginning with the visit of the Eastern Kings (the Magi or Wise Men) in Matthew 2.

The four main events commemorated during Epiphany are the adoration of the Magi, the story of Christ's visit to the temple as a twelve-year-old boy, our Lord's baptism in the Jordan, and the miracle of turning water into wine for the marriage feast at Cana in Galilee. All four events served progressively to unveil the Lord Jesus Christ to humanity in significant ways at the beginning of his life and the inauguration of his Gospel ministry.

The Lord has manifested himself to the Gentiles (representatively to the Magi), he is still manifesting himself to them (in the mission work of the church), and will finally manifest himself fully to all the nations at the last day as Lord and King. Epiphany therefore is a time to reflect upon all of these ways in which the Lord manifests himself, a time to reflect upon and pray for the evangelistic mission of the Church.



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 8th, 2023

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 72:8-12

†Congregational Singing

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Christ has appeared to us.

O come, let us worship Him.

†Collect

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

1 John 2:1-2

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, that we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing

“Our Great God”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1-6

†Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-2, 7-12, 16-18

†Profession of Faith

The Philippian Hymn

Sermon

Pastor Chad Anderson

“Joy and Sorrow of the Coming King”

Sermon Series: Epiphany

Offertory

†Doxology

#625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “May the Peace of Christ be with you” (Jn. 14:27), and the response: “And also with you.”

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing

“All Glory Be to Christ”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

#628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Elder Michael Freitag

Nursery Volunteers: Deb Anderson, Sarah Salyer

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, January 8th - The Epiphany of Our Lord

No Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

After Service . . . SS Teachers Meeting, Fellowship Meal (Team 3), Deforestation

Wednesday, January 11th

7:00 p.m. . . . Annual Congregational Meeting

❖ **Sunday School classes have ceased** for the Holiday season. Classes will resume Sunday, January 15.

❖ There will be a **Sunday School Teachers meeting** after the service on Sunday, January 8th to prepare for the coming semester.

❖ There will be a **Fellowship Meal Sunday, January 8th**, after which we will be taking down the Christmas Decorations. Please bring a soup and a side/ dessert to share. Serving Team #3 will be serving: Hooton, J. Holl, LeFeber, C. Larsen, D. Holl, Lanka, J. Hajda, L. Salyer, Brock, L. Williams, Reiter, Gibbons, Parish. Note: being on the list in no way obligates you to attend or serve at Fellowship Meals, but is, rather, a way to include everyone in the invitation and give opportunities to serve for those willing and able to do so.

❖ We will hold our **annual congregational meeting** Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We will give thanks for all that was done in 2022 and look ahead to 2023. All are welcome to attend the meeting. Church members will be voting to elect officers. Refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

❖ We are encouraging everyone to register for the 15-week discipleship course: Perspectives on the World Christian Movement. The **Kearney Perspectives** course will be held Sunday evenings, 5:30-8:30p.m., from January 15th-April 30th at First Baptist Church, Kearney. Childcare with a co-ordinating curriculum for elementary-age children will be provided. If you would like to take the class, but finances are a concern, please speak to one of the pastors. To learn more and to register for the class visit: perspectives.org/kearneyne

❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,789.04. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$197,030.08. Received 12/25: \$3,404.84. Received year-to-date: \$201,754.98.

❖ **January Birthdays:** (14) Charles Parish (16) Deborah Anderson, (19) Julie LeFeber, (21) Juniper Fong 2020, (22) Amelia Rodgers, (24) Stephen Anderson 2008 (26) Levi Williams

If you would like to receive TPC announcements and prayer requests via e-mail, please email your contact info to: tpc@tpckearney.org