PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ♦That God would bless our church with many children and give us grace to nurture them in the faith.
- ♦Presbytery: Grace Covenant Church in Grand Island (Pastor Todd Bowen)
- ♦ 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.



January 15th, 2023

The Baptism of Our Lord

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 29:1–4, 9

†Congregational Singing #2 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

†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

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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 "To Jo

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" (1-5)

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 103:8-12

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

ng "The Lamb"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading
†Gospel Reading
The Apostles' Creed
Sermon

Isaiah 40:1-5
Revelation 5:1-10
The Apostles' Creed
Pastor David Salyer

"Who Are You?"

Sermon Series: The Gospel According to John

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

"Behold the Lamb"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson Nursery Volunteers: Anne Lano, Miabelle Lano

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, January 15th - The First Sunday after Christmas

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

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

3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

5:30 p.m. . . . Kearney Perspectives Class @ First Baptist

Wednesday, January 18th

7:00 p.m. . . . Session/WIC 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

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