

# Epiphany

## January 10 and 11, 2016



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

### Our Worship Service

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#### WELCOME

#### THE OPENING HYMN ..... "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

*Christian Worship #79*



1 How love - ly shines the Morn-ing Star! The na - tions see and  
 2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of God and  
 3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved me ere you  
 4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, be - gin - ning  
 5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of



hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing,  
 Mar - y's Son, The high - born King of a - ges!  
 had be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion,  
 with - out end, The first and last, e - ter - nal!  
 mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride-groom  
 In your blest bod - y let me be, E'en as the  
 Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in  
 And you at length—O glo - rious grace— Will take me  
 Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to -

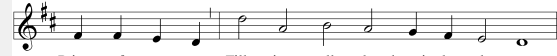
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and my King of grace, For you my heart is pin - ing.  
 branch is in the tree, Your life my life sup - ply - ing.  
 spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.  
 to that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.  
 mor - row, ev - 'ry day Till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious  
 Sigh - ing, Cry - ing For the sa - vor Of your fa - vor  
 What bliss Is this! He is liv - ing, To me giv - ing  
 A - men, A - men! Come and meet me, Quick - ly greet me!  
 Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of gra - ces, Fill - ing all the heav'n - ly pla - ces.  
 Rest - ing nev - er Till I rest in you for - ev - er.  
 Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from him can sev - er.  
 With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.  
 Chos - en na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608, abr., adapt.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.  
 Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (1887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608, alt.

*Please Stand*

#### THE INVOCATION

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
**C:** And also with you.

#### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** Amen.

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**OH, TASTE AND SEE**

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to

the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**THE FIRST LESSON** ..... **Isaiah 60:1-6**

*Already in the Old Testament, God explained that people from other nations would come to know Jesus as the light of salvation and would worship him.*

<sup>60:1</sup> "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. <sup>2</sup> See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. <sup>5</sup> Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. <sup>6</sup> Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

**THE PSALM OF THE DAY** ..... **Psalms 72**

*Christian Worship Pg. 93*

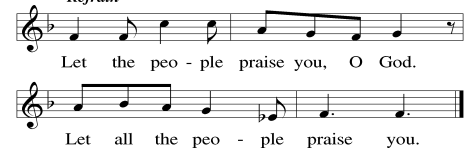
*Refrain*  
Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.  
Let all the peo - ple praise you.

*Psalm tone*  
\*  
Endow the King with your justice, O God,\*  
the royal Son with your righteousness.

*Psalm continues on next page*


He will defend the afflicted among the people\*  
 and save the children of the needy.  
 He will endure as long as the sun,\*  
 as long as the moon, through all generations.  
 He will be like rain falling on a mown field,\*  
 like showers watering the earth.

*Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.  
 Let all the peo - ple praise you.

*Psalm tone*



All kings will bow down to him,\*  
 and all nations will serve him.  
 All nations will be blessed through him,\*  
 and they will call him blessed.  
 Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.\*  
 May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

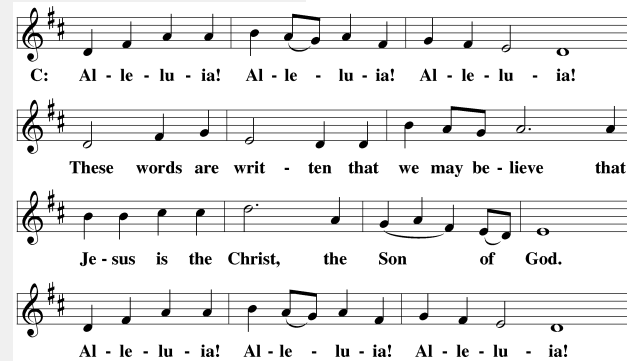
**THE SECOND LESSON** ..... **Ephesians 3:2-12**

*God's grace is for all people, Jews and Gentiles. St. Paul proclaimed this mystery to the Gentiles. We also proclaim that Jesus came for all.*

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia. (Matthew 2:2b)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that  
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi learn of the new-born King and come to worship him as their Lord and Savior. God kept them from reporting back to Herod. They returned to their home by a different route.

2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Musical notation for the hymn 'C: Praise be to you, O Christ!' with lyrics below.

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CHILDREN'S TALK ..... 10:30 AM

THE HYMN OF THE DAY ..... "As with Gladness Men of Old"  
Christian Worship #83

Four staves of musical notation for the hymn 'As with Gladness Men of Old' with lyrics: 1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing... 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to your... 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At your cra-dle, Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the... 4 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-... star be-hold, As with joy they hailed its light, low-ly bed, There to bend the knee be-fore rude and bare, So may we with ho-ly joy, nar-row way; And, when earth-ly things are past, a-ted light; You its light, its joy, its crown, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright, So, most gra-cious You whom heav'n and earth a-dore, So may we with Pure and free from sin's al-loy, All our cost-liest Bring our ran-somed souls at last Where they need no You its sun which goes not down. There for-ev-er Lord, may we Ev-er-more your fol-lowers be. will-ing feet Ev-er seek your mer-cy seat. treas-ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n-ly King. star to guide, Where no clouds your glo-ry hide. may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.  
Tune: Dix (77 77 77) Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, alt.

THE SERMON ..... Matthew 2:1-12

Who Is This Jesus?  
Who Wisemen Seek?

Please Stand

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please be Seated*

**THE OFFERING**

*(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)*

**THE OFFERING PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**THE PRAYERS**

**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 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 and ever. Amen.

*Please be Seated*

**CONGREGATION HYMN....."Brightest and Best"**

*Christian Worship #92*



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 Shall we not yield him in cost - ly de - vo - tion  
4 Vain - ly we bring him the fin - est of of - f'ings,  
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.  
Rar - est of fra - gran - ces, tri - bute di - vine,  
Vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure.  
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
An - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
Rich - er by far is the praise that the heart brings;  
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
Mak - er and mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

*Please Stand*

**P:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## THE BENEDICTION

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Please be Seated*

## THE CLOSING HYMN....."The Star Proclaims the King is Here"

*Christian Worship # 91 vs. 1,2,5*



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 Shall we not yield him in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
4 Vain - ly we bring him the fin - est of of - f'ings,  
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall,  
Rar - est of fra - gran - ces, tri - bute di - vine,  
Vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure.  
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
An - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
Rich - er by far is the praise that the heart brings;  
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
Mak - er and mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

## Worship Participants

**Liturgist and Preacher** ..... Pastor Brian Adams

**Organist**..... Mrs. Marie Becker

## Announcements

**PASTOR JACOB HOFF'S INSTALLATION DATE:** On Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, Pastor Jacob Hoff will be installed as the second pastor here at St. Paul's. More details are being worked on, and once they are set, we will continue to let everyone know. Pastor Hoff and his family will be here during this week to figure out details with housing, his move, etc. His move should happen at the end of January. We welcome him as we all work together to carry the message of Jesus to people.

**EPIPHANY SEASON:** This weekend, we celebrate the Festival of Epiphany of Our Lord. Epiphany is Christendom's second oldest festival; it has been celebrated continuously by the Church for nearly 1900 years. Even though the date of Epiphany is January 6, it is often celebrated on one of Sundays closest to that date. The festival was originally a general celebration of the incarnation of Jesus Christ which included the commemoration of his birth, the visit of the Magi (Wise Men), all of Jesus' childhood events up to and including his baptism. Today, the Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Epiphany as the festival of Christ's birth, and the Western Church stresses the visit of the Magi. The season of Epiphany (the Greek word for "appearance") celebrates God's revealing or manifesting of Jesus' identity as true God, Messiah, and Savior of the world. Epiphany not only commemorates the fact that Jesus appeared to save us, but that God revealed the identity of Jesus to the world. The season of Epiphany will conclude on February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, with the festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord.

Our theme for the next weekends will look at the answer to this question: *"Who is this Jesus?"*

The themes for each Sunday are:

January 10 & 11 – Who Wise Men Seek (Epiphany)

January 17 & 18 – Who Does Miraculously Things (Epiphany 2)

January 24 & 25 – Who Speaks Good News (Epiphany 3)

January 31 & Feb. 1 – Who Speaks to Young People (WISCO Sunday)

February 7 & 8 – Who Appears in Glory (Transfiguration Sunday)

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** The theme for our Sunday Bible Class is: *"The House of the Lord."* God intended for Adam and Eve to live forever with him in the Garden of Eden. What a

wonderful proposition – perfect people living with the perfect Creator. But Adam and Eve sinned and had to leave the Garden. God could have let them go their own way and then started over. Instead, he again made it possible for him to live among his people. How he did that is the subject of this study. Using examples of the types of homes we might live in, we will see God’s plan for making “houses” in which he could live among us here on earth and in eternity. Those “homes” are:

- The Lord’s First House (The Garden of Eden)
- The Lord’s Mobile Home (The Tabernacle)
- The Lord’s Palace (The Temple)
- The Lord’s Model Home (Jesus Christ)
- The Lord’s Current Residence (The Church)
- The Lord’s Dream House (Heaven)

Please come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL A CAPPELLA CHOIR:** The A Cappella Choir of WLHS will be here on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> for the Sunday services. Pastor Timothy Soukup, who serves on the Board of Directors for WLHS, will be our guest speaker that weekend. Even though the choir will only be here on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Soukup will also preach the Monday service to share the blessings and opportunities of WLHS. All are welcome to join us.

**WELS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE (WLFL):** is seeking additional board members. WLFL operates pregnancy help centers in Milwaukee, WI, reaching out to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Candidates must first and foremost possess a passion for the pro-life ministry. Occupations of considerable benefit would include: M.D., nurse, attorney, or general manager. If interested, please contact Executive Director Peter Georgson at 414-331-6066 or [Peter@ALife2.com](mailto:Peter@ALife2.com).

**NEW CHURCH DEDICATION:** Pastor Ben Kuerth and the members of Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church in Franklin, along with the many Builders For Christ volunteers who helped in the building process, invite you to join them for a special dedication service praising God for the completion of their ministry center on January 10th, 2016, at 2 pm. Their new ministry center is located at 11120 W Loomis Rd in Franklin.

**MISSING HAMMERS:** There are a couple of hammers that were used for the horseshoes at the Church Picnic this past summer that are missing. If you know about their whereabouts, please talk to Mr. Dick Miller.

**2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The 2016 envelopes are located on tables outside the Bible Class room in church. If we missed someone, please contact the church office. If we missed assigning

a set of children envelopes for the children in your family, and you would like them to have a set, please contact the church office at: (414) 421-1178 or [office@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:office@stpaulsfranklin.org).

**MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST 2016 SUBSCRIPTIONS:** There is a sign- up sheet on the counter in the narthex if you would like to subscribe to either, Meditations or Forward in Christ. Please have your checks to the church/school office by **JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**.

**ADULT CHOIR:** The Lenten and Easter choir will begin soon. The first rehearsal is January 20. Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God is welcome to join the choir! New and past members are always welcome. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a positive attitude. If you are worried about making a commitment for the entire year, the choir year is divided into 4 sessions. You can join all 4 sessions or just the session(s) that fit your schedule. The Lenten and Easter choir is from January 20 -March 27. Rehearsals are 45 -60 minutes and usually take place on Wednesday evenings. Any questions please contact the choir director, Marie Becker at (262)-623-4145 or email her at [mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org).

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROJECT:** God has blessed St. Paul’s for 150 years with his Grace. Out of thanks for the Grace of God, we have begun to undertake the project of replacing our organ. The final cost of the organ is \$58,150. To date, we have received \$46,357.00. More information as to how everyone can participate in the project will be coming out soon. We give thanks to God for all the blessings that God has showered upon us.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT CENTER:** The Early Childhood Enrichment Center is now accepting registration for the 2016-2017 school year. In order to enroll, children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2016. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at 421-1833. Enrollment opportunities will be opened to the community after February 1, 2016.

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE EXTRAVAGANZA:** Attention all 5th grade students and parents! Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting a 5th Grade Extravaganza just for you on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 5:30–7:30 p.m. The evening is free and includes dinner and a fun night of entertainment. Plus, we’re giving away an iPad and other prizes! We’ll have exciting science experiments, robot demonstrations, music, basketball and lots more. To reserve your spot, **please RSVP by January 25**, by going to [www.wlhs.org/news](http://www.wlhs.org/news).

## Volunteers

### GREETERS THIS WEEK (January 10 & 11)

**8:00 AM** – Jacque & Doreen Vallier  
**10:30 AM** – Dee Kresa; Taylor  
**6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

### GREETERS NEXT WEEK (January 17 & 18)

**8:00 AM** – Peter & Diane Eppen; Andrew, Austen & Ian  
**10:30 AM** – Time & Michelle Yenter; Lauren & Mason  
**6:30 PM** – Dave & Janet Long

### USHERS FOR JANUARY:

**8:00 AM TEAM #1-** Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker  
**10:30 AM TEAM #5-** Mark Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski  
**630 PM TEAM #9-**Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

### ALTAR GUILD:

January 6-January 19 – TEAM #4 Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek  
 January 20-February 2- TEAM #1 Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

## The Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, January 10

Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM  
 Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM

### Monday, January 11

Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

### Tuesday, January 12

PSCIC..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday, January 13

Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:30 PM

### Friday, January 15

School Devotion ..... 8:30 AM

### Sunday, January 17

Worship Service with Communion..... 8:00 AM  
 Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM  
 Worship Service with Communion..... 10:30 AM

### Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am 92, Communed-83; 10:30 am- 137, Communed-92; 6:30 pm-37,  
 Communed-31  
 Total Attendance 266, Total Communed 206  
 Bible Class n/a, Sunday School n/a  
 New Year's Eve Attendance 69

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