



Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.

Our Vision: Transforming lives to become the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

10:00 a.m. Service *Please stand as able

January 5, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday

Prelude "Procession on 'We Three Kings'" - arr. Barr

Introit/Choral Call to Worship "Come Followers of Christ" - Butler

***Call to Worship**

One: Arise; shine; for your light has come. The Glory of God has risen upon you!

All: Even in the darkness, God has appeared! All the peoples shall come to this Light!

One: So let us lift up our eyes and look around. Let the people gather to rejoice!

All: Let us worship God with gifts of praise and love! Let us walk in the light of compassion on paths of peace and justice.

One: For we are people of hope, in the brightness of a new dawn!

***Hymn #245** "The First Noel" verses 1, 3 and 4

Prayer for Guidance *Unison*

We come as people moving toward the light. We follow the star of Christ in this time of worship. We seek the light of your vision and hope for the future. We celebrate the brightness of your presence in this new year. Amen.

Children's Message

The children are invited to join Pastor Rory at the chancel steps. Afterwards, Pre-K to 5th graders are welcome to go to Sunday school or return to sit with their families.

Anthem "A Time for Hope, A Time for Joy" - Price/Besig

Scripture **Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

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They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

***Hymn #254**

“We Three Kings” verses 1, 2 and 5

Message

Star Stories

Pastor Rory Swenson

**Prayers of
the People**

Following each Joy

Pastor: God is good

Congregation: All the time

Following each Concern

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer *Unison*

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.

Offertory

“Let Us Go to See the New-Born Babe”

- Nevins

***Doxology - Hymn #94**

Offertory Prayer *Unison*

You have journeyed to us, Immanuel God, and found us! Now we share these gifts to be signs of your light. May they become the richest gifts of welcome and warmth, food and faith. Let them be reflections of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

projected

Giving the Bread and Cup

Hymn #2160/Faith We Sing

“Into My Heart”



***Benediction Wesleyan Covenant Prayer**

Unison I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed by you, or laid aside for you,
exalted for you, or brought low by you;
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing:
I freely and fully yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be confirmed in heaven. Amen.

***Song of Peace** Go in peace, my friend, till we meet again.
May God’s blessing be on you, may you be a blessing too.
May God’s Spirit burning bright, be your ever-guiding light.
God go with you, making all things new.

Postlude “March of the Three Kings” - arr. Provençal Melody

WELCOME

- **Children are welcome in worship.** We welcome the wiggles, curiosity and expressions of children in worship. Children’s bulletins and crayon bags may be found in the wicker basket just outside the Sanctuary doors. Child care is provided in our well-equipped nursery for children up to the age of three during the service.
- **Hearing assistance devices** for use during service are located at the Welcome Center.
- For your safety, please make sure that your valuables are not in plain sight and that your car doors are locked when attending any function at Grace UMC.

WORSHIP NOTES

Serving us **TODAY**: **Greeter**: Kay Pasvogel; **Usher**: Melisa Devine; **Sound**: Robert Timmerman; **Liturgist**: James Milne; **Communion**: Laurie Sanders, Steve and Diane Martin; **Acolyte**: Claire Conaway; **Nursery**: Jamie Moeller and _____.

Serving us Sunday, January 12th: **Greeter**: Margie Rose; **Usher**: Doris Marek; **Sound**: Dave Chmielewski; **Liturgist**: John Kline; **Acolyte**: Chmielewski; **Nursery**: Jamie Moeller and _____.

After the holidays there seems to be a lot of boxes with mail in them. This is a request for folks to take a moment to wonder over and check their mailboxes. Let’s start the new year fresh. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK
AT A
GLANCE**

1/5 SUN	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 am	Coffee and Treats in the Narthex
Communion and Sandwich Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service
	10:10 am	Nursery & Sunday School
	11:30 am	Confirmation
1/7 TUE	11:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Rory in Room #6
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts
1/8 WED	5:30 pm	Supper in Fellowship Hall
	6:00-6:30 pm	Grace Kid's Activities with Pastor Rory
		Youth Choir with Ms. Paige and Laura
	6:30-7:00 pm	Youth Activities with Pastor Rory
		God's Kids Choir with Ms. Paige and Laura
1/9 THUR	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
1/10 FRI	6:15 am	Men's Fellowship/Cracker Barrel
	8:00 pm	AA
1/11 SAT	9:30 am	Al-Anon

INCLEMENT WEATHER
If Burnsville Schools close, all children's activities are cancelled.



As Epiphany is on Monday, January 6th this year, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 12th after the 10:00 a.m. service. It usually goes quickly with lots of hands helping out. Also, if you purchased any poinsettias, feel free to take them home at any time. For clean-up purposes, we'd appreciate it if none were left behind.

Ruth Voll Circle will not be meeting during the months of January and February. All women of Grace are invited to attend in March when meetings resume. For further information, please contact Vicky Kline at 952-435-7532 or quiltervicky@gmail.com.

**All-Church Quarterly Town Hall Meeting and Church Conference
Sunday, January 19th after the 10:00 a.m. Service. More details to come.**

GATHERING AT THE PASTOR'S HOUSE: Pastor Rory and Beth would like to invite church members to sign up for a Sunday afternoon at the pastor's house. This is an opportunity for us to get to know each other better. We will have coffee and punch. We ask each family to bring a small appetizer or treats to share. We will gather from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and each go around the circle to introduce ourselves. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the Narthex. It would be great if you joined group that you aren't as familiar with.

Gathering Dates: Jan. 19th and 26th