



# Epiphany

*"For we have seen his star at its rising . . ."*

*Matthew 2:2*

*Welcome to  
Georgetown Presbyterian Church  
January 6, 2019*

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Epiphany Celebration

10:00 am Service

The word **Epiphany** means manifestation or appearance. It is derived from a Greek verb meaning "to appear." In classical Greek, the word was used most commonly to describe an appearance of a deity to a worshiper. In the Greek New Testament the word is used in 2 Timothy 1:10 to refer to the "appearing" of Christ after his resurrection, and in 2 Timothy 4:8 to refer to his Second Coming. The **actual Day of Epiphany** follows the 12 days of Christmas, or January 6<sup>th</sup>. This year Epiphany falls on a Sunday but when it doesn't we usually celebrate the Sunday after. Epiphany in our tradition specifically remembers the visit of the Magi ("wise men") and their recognition of Jesus as the Christ child, recorded in Matthew 2. This visit affirmed the Christ, though born a Jew, came for all the world.

### Welcome One Another, as Christ Welcomes You

Romans 15:7

Welcome and Community Sharing

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!      **People: And also with you!**

*Let us greet each other in the name of Christ.*

Prelude      *Christ is the World's Light* (Hymn of the Month)      Hymnal #121

Morning Prayer      Elder-Elect Chris Hilliard

**\*Introit**      *The First Noel* (Vs.1,2,3)      *Hymnal #229*

Noël comes to us from a Latin verb meaning "to be born." In the book of Ecclesiastes, the birth of Jesus is called natalis. A variation of this word, nael, made its way into Old French as a reference to the Christmas season and later into Middle English as nowel. Little is known of this Christmas/Epiphany Carol. It is thought to have originated in France during the 1400's although some believe it to be an old English carol as early versions use the old English "Nowell" rather than the French "Noel."

## Behold, Now is the Day of Salvation\_

2 Corinthians 6:2

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: A great journey lies ahead!  
**People: For the Star of Christ beckons us to follow.**  
Leader: A wonder-filled journey lies ahead!  
**People: For the Star of Christ will show us the way.**  
Leader: A humbling journey lies ahead!  
**People: For without the Star of Christ, the darkness overcomes us.**  
Leader: A victorious journey lies ahead!  
**People; For the Star of Christ will lead us home.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Hymnal #233

1<sup>st</sup> Verse - All; 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse - Men; 3<sup>rd</sup> Verse - Women; 4<sup>th</sup> Verse - Choir; 5<sup>th</sup> Verse - All

Unlike this hymn, the bible doesn't specify the number of Magi (kings). The traditional number of three is based on names given in non-biblical writings and the fact three gifts are mentioned.

Faith Sharing with Children

The Pastor

### \*Restoring God's Image

### Prayers of Confession

Revealing God,

**Lord, if you wouldn't mind, we would prefer a little less light; that is to say, a little less leading; a little less pushing. We are very comfortable with you right now, for we have shaped you into a god we can handle. If you reveal too much of yourself, we fear our lives would be up-ended. And if you lead us directly to your manger, your holiness will surely make us uncomfortable. And yet, that is why you are here isn't it? Christmas is about you, O Lord, breaking into our comfortable, self-defined worlds. Forgive us. Forgive us for seeking - but refusing to follow. Forgive us for kneeling - and then quickly leaving. Forgive us and thrust your glory upon us, that as did the Magi, we may recognize your holiness and return another way . . .**

*In silence, we open our hearts to God, as we stand in community.*

Leader: Amen! **People: Amen!**

\*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Congregational Response

*The First Noel (Vs. 6)*

Hymnal #229

**Then let us all with one accord, sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

## So We Proclaim; So We Believe

1 Corinthians 15:11

Narrative Lesson

Matthew 2:1-23

Pew Bible N.T. Pg. 1

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Solo

*All Is Well*

Mrs. Linda C. Wolfe, Soloist

Meditation

*A New Journey*

Pastor Mike Williams

## Be Doers of the Word; Blessed in the Doing

James 1:22, 25

### ORDINATION / INSTALLATION OF ELDERS-ELECT & COMMISSIONING OF DEACONS

To be Ordained/Installed: Chris Hilliard

To be Installed: Sharon Lawrence, Darrell Moore, Linda C. Wolfe

To be Commissioned: Joe Booth, Dora George, Sharon Hubbard, Justin Illian,  
Vicki Moore, Carol Ann Stone

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All those who seek to know Christ are welcome at this, Christ's table.*

### The Preparation

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Hymnal #656

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People & **The Lord's Prayer** (found on the inside back cover of hymnal)

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

All who seek a relationship with Christ are invited to come forward to share this spiritual feast. In preparation, ask God to open your heart to those actions which, through the work of the Holy Spirit, will deepen your intimacy with Christ. Please take a piece of bread from the plate and dip it into the cup, partaking immediately. **The cup contains unfermented grape juice.**

**The Banquet** ~ We come to Christ’s Table of Grace, Forgiveness, and Renewal

An appropriate response to the Elder’s words as you receive the elements is "Amen" which means, "Let it be so." Using a common loaf and cup symbolizes our unity in Christ. If coming forward is difficult, you will have the opportunity to be served in the pew. All ages are invited to the table, for this is where the community is nourished in a way none of us fully understand. The Pastor will be available near the door for those who wish a personal moment of prayer in addition to or in place of the elements.


**Spiritual Stars**

After receiving the Communion Elements, all are invited to take a Spiritual Star for 2019. **Please do not look through the stars**, simply pick one out of the plate. See the note about these stars at the end of the order of worship. **During this time, we ask that you take only a Star for yourself.** After the service the basket will be available for you to take stars to family members unable to join us this morning. Stars will also be available next week.

The Sending Prayer (*pastor*) & Response (*congregation*) *Let Us Be Bread*



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared, life for the world.



Let us be wine, love free-ly poured. let us be one in the Lord.

**Receiving God's Tithes & Our Gifts**

On communion Sundays, our offerings are not brought forward but taken from the sanctuary as a symbol of their use to share Christ’s love beyond our building’s walls.

Offertory *Journey to the King* Schinske

**\*Hymn of Dedication** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* Hymnal #243

**\*Benediction & Benediction Response** Iona Community, Scotland

Leader:	The Cross . . .	People:	<b>We shall take it.</b>
	The Bread . . .		<b>We shall break it.</b>
	The Pain . . .		<b>We shall bear it.</b>
	The Joy . . .		<b>We shall share it.</b>
	The Gospel . . .		<b>We shall live it.</b>
	The Love . . .		<b>We shall give it.</b>
	The Light . . .		<b>We shall cherish it.</b>
	The Darkness . . .		<b>God shall perish it!</b>

Postlude *Recessional* Wagner



**Worship Notes**

**THIS SUNDAY IS STAR SUNDAY AT GPC.** During the service, members and guests will be invited to receive a 2019 “Epiphany Star.” There is no “magic” or “predictions” involved in the receiving of these stars, rather the word on the star is meant to be a departure point for you as you meditate and consider where Christ might be leading you in 2019. Take time to consider deeper and less obvious meanings of your star-word to your faith life and personal growth. Yes, these words are everyday words, but they are also theological words, all appearing in English translations of the Bible. Perhaps you may wish to keep the star visible throughout the year, on a mirror, refrigerator or near your bed. As the year progresses “follow the star,” that is, consider its **changing meaning** in your life. If you dare to embark on the journey, you may well make some exciting personal and unanticipated discoveries.

**Community News ~ January 6, 2019**

**WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE WORSHIPING WITH US THIS MORNING!** Our Worship Leader is **Chris Hilliard**. Please register your attendance in the black community pads. Guests are invited to include contact information if desired. For information about joining our fellowship, speak with the pastor or call the church office at 856-6842. You may visit our Web Page - PresChurch.com - for continuing information about our congregation.



**JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP - A SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING**

A service for wholeness and healing gives us an opportunity to pray for individuals and communities. It is also an opportunity for those present to share in and, if desired, receive the ministry of the laying on of hands and anointing.

Praying for healing is in no sense a rejection of the work of medicine, which is also a gift of God. Prayer is not an alternative but a complement to other forms of healing and a recognition that healing comes in many ways. Healing worship is centered on wholeness, not simply on cure.

We know in our daily lives that it is often touch – the hand on the shoulder, the hug of a friend, the cuddle of a child – that lets us know we are loved. In this service, participants may ask to receive anointing with oil and the laying on of hands in prayer.

Sickness is not limited to physical or emotional dysfunction. Our inability to forgive or be forgiven can make us less than whole and in need of healing. This is true of communities as well as individuals. Justice and healing walk hand in hand.

Our Healing Service will be a worship experience with all the elements of our regular services. As with all worship, each member of the congregation chooses the level of participation that feels right. Although children are certainly welcome throughout the service, we will follow our regular schedule of Sunday School classes with the children leave the service following the Faith Sharing with Children time.

The service will be led by Rev. Jerry Egger and Rev. Mike Williams.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO POST PRAYER REQUESTS, BOTH JOYS AND CONCERNS,** on our Prayer Board at the bottom of the stairs leading from the Sanctuary. Please update your concerns regularly. On Communion Sundays, the prayer requests are brought to the Communion Table.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP GATHERING** immediately following today’s service. Today we will be celebrating YOUR birthday!

**GPC SESSION** meets Monday at 7pm in Tunnell Fellowship Hall. Minutes are in the office in the elder mail boxes.

**TABATHA CIRCLE** will meet this Thursday at 1:00 pm in Tunnel Hall. All women of the church are invited.

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- The Reverend Michael Williams . . . . . Pastor
- Mrs. Linda C. Wolfe . . . . . Director of Music
- Mrs. Sallie Horner . . . . . Co-Director of Music
- The GPC Chancel Choir. . . . . Music Ministry
- The GPC Chime Choir. . . . . Music Ministry
- Mr. William Taylor . . . . . Clerk of Session
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- Mr. Theo Lawrence (Endowment Fund) & Dr. Bobby Gulab . . . . . Assistant Treasurers
- Mrs. Beth Garvilla . . . . . Church Office
- Ms. Mari Ellyn Hellard . . . . . Emergency Shelter Director

**Session Elders and Commissioned Deacons**

Elders serve on the Session for 3 year terms; Deacons are Commissioned for Specific Ministries.

- CLASS OF 2019: Bob Chudakewich, Richard Hubbard, Chris Umsted, Beth Garvilla (Elder-elect)
- CLASS OF 2020: Michele Fletcher, Earnest Gulab, Mari Ellyn Hellard, Amin Mall.
- CLASS OF 2021: Chris Hilliard, Sharon Lawrence, Darrell Moore, Linda Wolfe
- DEACONS: Joe Booth (Personnel), Dora George (Hospitality), Sharon Hubbard (Prayer), Justin Illian (Mission), Vicki Moore (Worship), Carol Ann Stone (Bereavement),

***The mission of Georgetown Presbyterian Church is to lead people to a deep and continuing relationship with Christ as we seek to become more Christ-like ourselves.***

