

*THE
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



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January 1, 2023 *Epiphany of the Lord* 10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *"What Star Is This?"* arr. F. Ritter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Liturgist: Arise, shine: for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

**People: We come to this space,
following the star,
seeking a miracle.**

Liturgist: You will see and be radiant,
your heart shall thrill and rejoice

**People: for here we find a prophecy fulfilled,
and a mystery revealed!**

*HYMN *"The First Noel"* vs. 1-4 pg. 56

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Norlita Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Refugee of Israel, we would like to believe that
we would be like the magi, that we would protect the
innocent child, that we would stand up to power. But too
often we have turned away from those who need us.
Too often we have bent to the powers that be, resigning
ourselves to the way it has always been. Forgive our lack
of action, guide us back to your purposes, and help us be
brave enough to do your will.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH Rev. Norlita Kaul

ANTHEM “*Star in the East*” arr. V. T. Courtney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Norlita Kaul

SCRIPTURE READING
Isaiah 60:1-6 Debbi B-G
O.T. pg 690

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 2: 1-12 N.T. pg 2 ☺

SERMON “*Arise, Shine, Follow the Star*” Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN “*We Three Kings of Orient Are*” pg. 66

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Liturgist

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Rev. Norlita Kaul

Offertory

"In Quiet Joy"

M. Dupre

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

pg. 411

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Impression on *"We Three Kings"*

A. V. Fedak

SYMBOLS:

* Those who are able, please stand.

☺ Older children leave for Sunday School

LITURGIST- Debbi B-G

USHERS- Kahlil W. captain

FELLOWSHIP- Howard T. & friends

FLOWERS- Broad Street Cemetery Association

COUNTERS- Debbie F. & Sherry M.

**TIME OUT TUESDAY
AT THE GREEN OLIVE IN HOPEWELL**

When: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Time: Noon

(Dutch Treat/ an outing, meal, or other special occasion at which each participant pays for their share of the expenses.)

Please rsvp to the church office (856) 455-0809 by Monday, January 16.

(so we can let the restaurant know a head count)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“If you haven’t got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.” – Bob Hope

NEWS NEWSLETTER NEEDS A NEW NAME

Our new, newsletter, needs a new name. Please submit suggestions to the church office by January 18, 2023. The new name will be announced at our Annual Meeting. Thanks for your help!

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

*A reception will be held during Fellowship Time on January 1st to welcome Rev. Norlita Kaul to our church. We are pleased and excited to have her as our new pastor. Be sure to join us in Bonham Hall for Coffee and “goodies” directly after the church service. The Broad Street Cemetery Association is providing the snacks.

*The following list of items have been requested by Bethany Grace Shower Program: Chapstick, lotions, toothbrushes, tooth paste, washrags, deodorant, combs and hair brushes. These items may be placed in the basket in the rear to the sanctuary along with collected hotel toiletries.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Epiphany Observed
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 6, 2023

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Worship with communion

Monday, January 9, 2023

Deacons Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 12, 2023

(Annual reports for Congregational Meeting are due)

Joint Meeting (Session & Trustees) @ 6:30 p.m.

REV. NORLITA KAUL PASTOR
GAE FINCH, ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR
KIMBERLY WHELAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

