



EPIPHANY

January 7, 2024

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

**The brightness of God's light shines on all the nations.
All are welcomed to the brightness of God's light.**

*God gathers us from far away and carries us.
With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,
We receive the abundance God gives.*

We respond in praise.

With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Merciful God, Light of the world, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin. You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry. You take pity on the weak and the destitute, but our hearts are hard in the face of their need. You heal the wounded and save the oppressed, but we have placed our trust in the callous violence of war. Forgive us, we pray. Awaken in us sincere repentance that we may shine with the light of your saving grace.

{silence}

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

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**You change my grief to joy-filled dance;
my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry
and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing;
my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore.
My life shall sing your praise.**

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 60:1-6

Mary Lough

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

GOSPEL* – Matthew 2:1-23

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

“Who Is This Jesus? Light of the World”

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE *(A Declaration of Faith)*

God sent the promised Deliverer to his people. Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God’s kingdom of justice and peace on earth.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore with all creation we lift our voices, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

(by intinction—you will be directed to come forward, be given a piece of bread, which you may dip into the cup, eat and return to your seat. If you need not to come forward, Elders will bring your communion to your seat. If you prefer not to commune by intinction, there are prepackaged bread and juice. Just ask.)

PRAYER: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others and to be the light of the world in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As you return to your seat, you may stop and take a star from the basket offered. Your word is to be a guide and light for the coming year. The stars are small, so they can go in a pocket or wallet for the year.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

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**Jesus, light of joy, surround us;
let your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing,
heaven's everlasting sign.
Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.**

POSTLUDE

Musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen, Adult Choir (varies)

Video Technicians – Marshall Chaney, Bruce Harper, Alex Chaney

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are Welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Don't forget! The annual meeting of the congregation will be held following worship Sunday, January 14. The business of the meeting is:

- Receive the annual reports from the Session
- Approve terms of call for the minister
- Elect a Nominating Committee for 2024

Please be in prayer for:

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| Revathi Balakrishnan | Kim Wright | Matthew Harper |
| Ron Pearson | Betty Manus | Larry & Karen Rogers |
| Kristin Adams | Elnathan Rathjen | Corrie Lawson |
| Brenda Payne | Corey Foote | Cathy Cunningham |
| Charles Allen | Edd Stoops | Paul Ruszler |

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UPCOMING

Sermon Series upcoming

January 14 – Who Is This Jesus? The Reveal (Baptism of the Lord)

January 21 – Who Is This Jesus? An Urgent Mission

January 28 – Who Is This Jesus? Go Tell!

February 4 – Who Is This Jesus? Secrets, Secrets, Secrets

February 11 – Who is This Jesus? Exposed (Transfiguration)

January 14

Annual Meeting of the Congregation following worship
Receive budget and annual reports, elect 2024 Nominating
Committee, vote on terms of call for the minister

January 20

Officers' Retreat, Examination of New Officers, 9:00-3:00

January 21

Ordination/Installation of New Officers

February 14 – Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

*To those who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray,
and to all who do not, but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
"Welcome."*

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

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| Linda Dickerson..... | Teaching Elder / Pastor |
| Martha H. McMahan..... | Secretary |
| Marya Katz..... | Director, Adult Choir |
| Pat Fullen..... | Organist |
| Susan Heinze..... | Nursery Supervisor |
| Clark Gaylord..... | Treasurer |
| Jack Webster..... | Associate Treasurer |
| Sandi Webster..... | Chair, Education Committee |
| Ann Marie Conner..... | Theology, Worship & Music Committee |
| Joe Hunnings..... | Finance & Facilities Committee |
| Mary Lough, Jane Jones | Co-Chairs, Mission Committee |
| Heidi Harper..... | Chair, Fellowship Committee |
| Bruce Harper..... | Chair, Human Resources Committee |
| Bruce Harper..... | Webmaster |

THE SESSION

Sue Bentley, clerk

Class of 2023
Clark Gaylord
Dwayne Kittle

Class of 2024
Ann Marie Conner
Bruce Harper
Heidi Harper

Class of 2025
Sue Bentley
Betsy Stinson
Sandi Webster

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2023
Sophia Frimpong

Class of 2024
Lisa Garcia
Sandy Gaylord
Kay Hunnings, mod.

Class of 2025
Frieda Bostian
Traci McCoy
Lucian Robinson

Memorials Board: Charles Bostian (ch.), Caryl Gray, Nedra Underwood

We welcome each person who is visiting with our congregation this morning and extend a special invitation for you to make Northside church your home. Members and visitors, please use prayer request station to alert the church to pastoral needs or concerns.

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Church Office Hours

9:00 AM – Noon (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Wednesday)