



***Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018***

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### **EPIPHANY**

Today in the life of the Church it is Epiphany, or as the song says, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. An epiphany is literally an insight into something previously hidden. The root word refers to the lifting of a veil. On Epiphany we traditionally remember the "Wise Men" or "Magi" who followed the star and made the long journey to Bethlehem in search for the one born "king of the Jews." While we commonly have them at the stable in our nativity scenes, their arrival was later, their journey of 1000 miles taking months. Matthew tells us they arrived at the house where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were and brought their symbolic, prophetic gifts.

We believe that to truly encounter Jesus we all need a personal epiphany. John's gospel begins saying "he came to his own, but his own received him not." Matthew tells us he was rejected in his own hometown because they knew his parents and brothers and sisters. They could not see what was right in front of them. Even the disciples in the face of him stilling a storm with his words would ask, "Who is this man that even the wind and waves obey him?" And after the resurrection when they met with him it says that some "doubted." Our epiphanies come in many different ways because they are personal to each of us. One great moment of epiphany happens in the center of the gospel story. Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am? The answered some say, 'John the Baptist, others Elijah, and others one of the prophets.' 'But who do you say that I am?' Jesus asked. Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.'" That is the question of Epiphany that each of us must answer, "Who do you say that I am?" We pray today as we worship that we will all encounter Christ through music, prayer, Word, sacrament, and that we will be able to passionately say, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." So we invite you to open your minds and hearts and be expectant for an epiphany this morning.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WESLEY**

This week we resume our Wednesday Night Dinner, Children's Choir, and Bible Study. Our first Bible study topic will be on Spiritual gifts and service and will include a Spiritual gifts inventory for everyone to take and an opportunity to find a place to use your gifts in service. Most of the Winter-Spring evenings will be a Bible Study by Max Lucado entitled "Unshakable Hope." It is based on the fundamental promises of God in scripture. We will also have two sessions on Biblical Hospitality to the Stranger and Alien. One led by Rabbi Robert Haas and another by Dr. Edwin Chase. We hope you will plan to be a part of our Wednesday night program.



**Holy Communion****Invitation and Confession**

**Pastor:** Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**All:** Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All pray in silence.*

**Pastor:** Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
That proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Congregation:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All:** Glory to God. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**

Nelle Bordeaux

**Offertory Voluntary** (8:45)

The First Noel

arr. Melody Bober

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00)

My Lord Has Come

Will Todd

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels:

No place for them but a stable.

My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;

No place for them but a stable.

My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.

Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;

No place for me but a stable.

My Lord has come.

**Offering**

*During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.*

**\* Hymn of Response**

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As they offered gifts most rare; At that manger rude and bare;

So may we, with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to Thee our heavenly King.

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

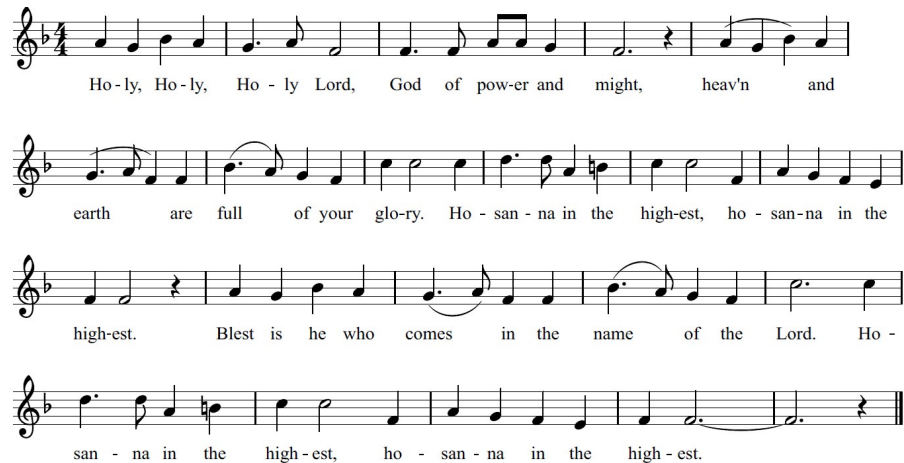
**Congregation:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

**Congregation:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**Pastor:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



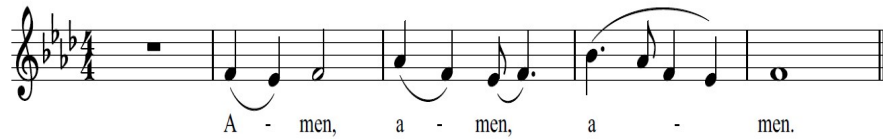
Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, That we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



### 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 that 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; For ever.  
Amen.

### Breaking the Bread

*(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)*

### Giving the Bread and Cup

*Today's communion offering is for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to give a donation, please leave your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.*

### Music During Communion (11:00)

Canon de Noel	Pachelbel/The English Carol
'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime	Huron Carol
Coventry Carol	Traditional English Melody
Christmas Berceuse	Salzburg Melody
Rodney Powers, pianist	

### Prayer After Receiving

**All:** 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,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

\* **Hymn No. 237**      Sing We Now of Christmas      FRENCH CAROL  
(stanzas 4 & 5)

### Closing Response (11:00)      GREENSLEEVES

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

### Closing Voluntary      Good Christian Friends, Rejoice arr. Norman Dello Joio

\* Please stand as you are able.

*Immediately following each Service a docent is available by the grand piano to share with you a brief history of this Sanctuary and congregation.*

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**Children's Church/Worship  
Participation in Communion**

Today, and each first Sunday, the children in Children's Church/Worship will take communion together in the sanctuary.

**Just Born**

Congratulations to Rob and Leigh Anne DiVito on the birth of a daughter, Charlotte June (Little June bug) DiVito on December 28, 2018. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Little June bug.

**Epiphany Angel Display**

Please feel free to stop by the Parlor in Oliver Hall to view the Epiphany Angel Display which features angels belonging to members of Wesley. The angels will be on display through today. You may pick up your angels this week by coming to the church office.

**Cabaret for Craig**

This Saturday, January 12, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (10 W. 31st Street, Savannah). Grab your flapper dresses and fedoras and join the Wesley Choir for a Roaring 20s Dinner Cabaret benefiting Wesley member, Craig Hanson. Craig had a life-saving liver transplant on October 15. Tickets are \$100 and 100% of your donation will go directly to Craig's bank account. Tickets and information (including menu) are available at [Craig.eventbrite.com](http://Craig.eventbrite.com), from Choir Members, or Church Office.

**Merry Makers**

Merry Makers will meet on Monday, January 14, at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Karen and Dale Kilhefner will present the program about their experiences at Chautauqua. Lunch will follow the program. Cost is \$7.00. Please make your reservation in your Sunday School class or by calling the church office.

**Thank You**

for your tremendous generosity to all in need over Christmas through Tiny Houses, Urban Hope (all 75 children have a coat and toy and clothing), hospitalized children (2,000 people received a Christmas morning visit in Savannah hospitals and nursing homes), senior citizens (18 Bible Buddies children with parents or grandparents played the piano and sang and recited Scripture at a senior apartment building).

**Refugee Ministry**

School uniforms (white shirt, khaki pants) are needed for children: two children, size 7; one child, size 8; one child, size 10; one child, size 14; one child, size 16. All are girls. Also needed are diapers, size 4. Please speak with Nelle before buying items, 912-234-9245.

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Attendance: (12/30/18)	
8:45 A.M. Worship	60
11:00 A.M. Worship	268
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>328</b>
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	88
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	XX

**Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:**

**Partners in Prayer:** Carmine Cowart **Docent:** Lori Miller  
**Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller **Children's Church:** Ellen Harper Williams  
**Greeters:** Lori Miller, Marion Thomas  
**Ushers:** Johnny Smith, Paul Cleveland  
**Communion Stewards:** Peggy Jolley, Pat Killewald, Joe & Madge Edwards  
**Acolytes:** Sarah Jean Yost, Savannah Yost

**11:00 Service:**

**Partners in Prayer:** Harriet Bland **Docent:** Gretchen Patricio  
**Acolytes:** Taylor Mason, James Rhodes  
**Greeters:** Kim & Mehmet Ergul, David & Dorie Gaskin  
**Offering Steward:** Randal Robinson  
**Ushers:** Brian West, John Beasley, Bill Bland, Mehmet Ergul, Charles Holley, Art McGowen, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs  
**Communion Stewards:** Peggy Jolley, Pat Killewald, Joe & Madge Edwards  
**Nursery: Infant:** TBD **Toddler:** Kim Watson  
**Children's Worship 3's & PreK:** Emmy Wilcox, Adeline Glidewell  
**Children's Worship K-4th:** Susannah Pedigo, Kristy Valdez

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church  
January 6, 2019**

**The Sermon Extended:**

Monday	Matthew 2:1-2, Psalm 8	Where does nature call us to faith?
Tuesday	Matthew 2:4-6, Psalm 119:105-106	How does Scripture build my faith?
Wednesday	Matthew 2:8-9, Jeremiah 29:11-14	Am I searching for Christ with ALL my heart?
Thursday	Matthew 2:10-11, Psalm 100	Does my experience of Christ lead to worship?
Friday	Matthew 2:12, Romans 12:1-3	How is my faith transforming my life's journey?

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

This week we focus our attention on new beginnings as we resume our Wednesday evening dinner and activities. Pray especially for all who will lead our children and our Bible studies.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, January 6**

**Epiphany Angel Display, OH Parlor**  
8:45 A.M. **Worship Service, SNC**  
9:30 A.M. **Coffee & Donuts, FH**  
9:45 A.M. **Sunday School**  
11:00 A.M. **Worship Service, SNC**

**Monday, January 7**

9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place**

**Tuesday, January 8**

7:00 A.M. **Men's Bible Study, SSU**  
9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place**  
9:00 A.M. **Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH**  
11:00 A.M. **Staff Mtg, OH 205**

**Wednesday, January 9**

9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place**  
11:00 A.M. **Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310**  
4:45 P.M. **Call to Prayer, SNC**  
5:00 P.M. **4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 304**  
5:30 P.M. **Supper, FH**  
6:00 P.M. **Bible Study, FH**  
6:00 P.M. **Joyful Noise Choir, EB 202, 203, 205**  
6:00 P.M. **Children's Choirs, EB 301, 303, 305, 4th Flr**  
6:00 P.M. **Youth Girls Bible Study, EB 4th Flr**  
6:00 P.M. **Youth Guys Bible Study, EB 4th Flr**  
6:30 P.M. **UMW Board Mtg, OH 207**  
7:15 P.M. **Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr**

**Thursday, January 10**

9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place**  
12:00 P.M. **Bible Study at Ruth's Chris**  
6:00 P.M. **Bible Study Fellowship, OH**

**Friday, January 11**

9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place & Drop In Care**  
10:00 A.M. **Docent Tours**

**Saturday, January 12**

10:00 A.M. **Nancy Finley Memorial Svc, SNC**  
6:30 P.M. **Craig Hanson Fundraiser, St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**Pastor on Call This Week**

Ben Martin ..... 912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Supper: 1/9/19**

Program: Spiritual Gifts  
Teaching: Ben Martin  
Menu: Turkey Meatloaf w/Gravy  
Roasted Potatoes, Creamed Spinach  
Children: Pizza



**In Our Prayers.....**

Daniel Royal, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Jane Weldy, Stephanie Painter (daughter-in-law of Judi Painter), Ana Molero-Pullin, Anne Thompson, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Diane Wells, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Kathy Delaigle, Lily Marler, Nicole Geen, Joel Williams, Harriet Bland, Jim Davis, Mary Burnsed (mother of Marilyn Hitt), Les Wilkes, Craig Hanson, Cindy Murphy (daughter-in-law of Peggy Murphy), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, Spencer Davis, John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Caroline Moore, Melissa Krawitz, John McKissick (grandfather of Richard Call), Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), George LeMay, Martha and Erv Sloan, Todd and Lauren Martin, Chad Jacobs Family, Sherry Ingram, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Jim Gietzen, Randy Warner, Denise LeMay, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Ann Lott, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Melinda Lanier, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Dick Wallace, Will Ronning, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Vivian Wilson, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Richard Bartels, Nancy Beckmann, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Susan Clingman (cousin of Deanne Rimes), Sammy Reesman

**At Home/Extended Care**

Ann Ernst, Peggy Murphy, Bella Grace Bartels, Betty Murray, Anne Chase, Georgia Dickerson, Grace Bockes, Becky Heckard, Hal Griner, Michael Mamalakis, Betty Weeks, Ryan Sailors, Linda McKibben, Bobbie Mattox, Lois Wooten, Lillian O'Donovan

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

Jerred Pyles, Max Jackson, Ryan Davis, Matt Hepinstall, Justin Geen, Matthew Allen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Evan Townsend, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Justin Koenig, Joshua Laws, Rob Harless, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Whit Watts

**Wednesday Night Supper Winter/Spring Semester**

Pay in Advance for 18 Wednesdays & Receive 1 Wednesday Free

<b>Payment:</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Semester</b>
Nursery (Ages 0 to 3)	Free	Free
Children (Ages 4 to 5th Grade)	\$3.00	\$54.00
Youth (6th to 12th Grade) & Adults	\$6.00	\$108.00
Family Maximum	\$18.00	\$324.00
College Students	Free	Free