

St. John’s at Worship
**Second Sunday of Christmas/
Epiphany Sunday**

Welcome and Announcements *(please pass the fellowship roll)*

Troait “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

*Call to Worship

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come!
All: The Glory of God has risen upon us.
One: Tell the good news throughout all the earth.
All: The saving grace of Jesus Christ is for us all.
One: Come and adore the Savior of Nations.
All: We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord!
One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **254, vss. 1, 2, 3, 5** “We Three Kings”

*Prayer of Invocation and 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 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. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of glory,
You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
To reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
Hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
We ignore cries for justice;
We do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
And pour out the gifts of your spirit,
That, forgiven and renewed,
We may show forth your glory
Shining the face of Jesus Christ.**

(silent confession)
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith

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 Ghost, 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1–12 (pg. 2) Pam Schafer

Children’s Time Rev. Joyner

*As Pre-K through 4th graders leave for Sunday School,
we send them with this liturgy:*

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.
Cong: **May God be with you there!**
Children: **May God be with you here!**

Anthem “Adagio”

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg. 690) Rev. Joyner

Sermon **ARISE! SHINE** Rev. Joyner

Litany for the Epiphany of the Lord

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: Nations will come to his light, and rulers will seek his radiance.

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: He will judge the people with righteousness
and defend the cause of the poor.

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: The mystery of the ages is revealed;
the eternal plan of God is known to all.

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: Let us kneel down before him to give him honor, glory, and praise.

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: Let us offer him all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: God of endless light, you sent a star- rising from the darkness,
guiding seekers and sages, overwhelming us with joy. Let the
splendor of your dawning light grow in us and in all the world
until the whole creation shines with your glory; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

*Presentation of Offering & Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication and Prayers of the People

*Hymn **(INSERT)** “Arise! Your Light has Come!”

*Benediction

Postlude “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Guest musician *Tatiana Abramova*
Ushers *Chuck & Jeanne Lynam, Kathy Johnson, Kate Johnson*
Flowers *Given by David Sheep in honor of his parents.*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning! We hope that you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ here with us today. Masks are required for all, regardless of vaccination status. Initially, we will be using every other pew for seating (although there are no restrictions on capacity). If the number of worshippers exceeds our ability to do that, we will begin filling in the open pews as necessary. We will not be passing offering plates. Instead, offering baskets are located at each of the entrances to the sanctuary, and you can place your offering there on your way in. If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the ushers located at the sanctuary doors. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to sign up to sponsor flowers in 2022, please contact Lisa Archbold, we are still looking for sponsors in March and the last week of February. Cowan’s Flowers creates the bouquets and bills the sponsor directly at a cost of \$48. You may take the flowers home, or donate them to one of our homebound or hospitalized members.

CONTAINERS NEEDED

Attention yogurt lovers! The Deacons are collecting empty 24 oz and 32 oz containers for the flower ministry. As you have empties, please drop them off in fellowship hall, there will be a box with a sign.

OFFERING ENVELOPES AND YEAR-END GIFTS

Offering envelopes for 2022 are now available in Fellowship Hall. If there is not a set with your name on it, and you would like one, please contact Ken Dilloway. Year-end gifts will be credited in the 2019 tax year if they are postmarked by December 31. Some members and friends of St. John’s donate shares of stock or mutual funds at the end of the year. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Bouvier.

ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

We will begin our annual Women’s Fellowship blanket drive on Sunday, January 9th. Donations will be taken using the envelope included in your bulletin during the worship, or at coffee hour. Church World Services helps communities with the basic tools they need to sustain their families. Your gifts provide blankets, hygiene kits, clean-up buckets, seeds and tools for farming, and food for those in need. Checks may be made payable to St. John’s, with “Women’s Fellowship” in the memo.

MANSE SALE UPDATE

The Manse Task Force is happy to report that the closing on the sale of the Manse occurred on December 16, 2021!

JAN 2: EPIPHANY PARTY!

ages 5-4th grade are invited join us in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School for a special Epiphany Party! We will learn all about the Magi and the celebration of Epiphany. Youth in 5-7th grade are welcome to join to help the Sunday School teachers with the class.

JAN 9: 12PM-5PM YOUTH KICKOFF-SNOW TUBING TRIP

Youth grades 5-12 are invited to join us for our Youth Kickoff! We will travel to Blue Mountain Ski Resort for an afternoon of snow tubing! Cost is \$30 per youth. Please RSVP with Ridgley by January 5.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

Our women’s book group has just finished the Barbara Brown Taylor book and is moving on to a new book in January. Our new book will be *“The Beautiful Work of Learning to Pray - 31 Lessons”* by James C. Howell. This is available in paperback. We will begin this new book on Jan 9th at 8 AM. We are still meeting both in person and by Zoom and anyone is welcome to “drop in” for one or all sessions. Those in person will be either in the Kean room or the Carriage House. We invite and encourage all women to be part of the group in the new year. It is casual and wonderful conversation and the reading each week is short. If you have questions, please email Carolyn Repke.

PASTORAL UPDATE

As we shared in an email and letter, the Session has approved a medical leave of absence for Pastor Patrick, beginning Wednesday, Nov.10, and lasting up to 90 days. If you were unable to attend our Q&A sessions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Ridgley or any of the elders with your questions. We ask that you keep Patrick, his family, our church leadership, and our whole church family in prayer during this time.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan 2	Epiphany Sunday 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
Tues, Jan 4	5:00 pm Exercise Class 7:00 pm Nominating Committee (Zoom)
Wed, Jan 5	9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean)
Thurs, Jan 6	5:00 pm Exercise Class
Sun, Jan 9	First Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

Pastor Ridgley is available for pastoral care meetings in the community, in your home, or over zoom/telephone. She is also available at the church for more private pastoral care appointments.

Lara is in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and is available every day via email or phone by calling the regular office line. **If you have a pastoral care emergency and are unable to reach Lara, you can call 484-604-0499.**



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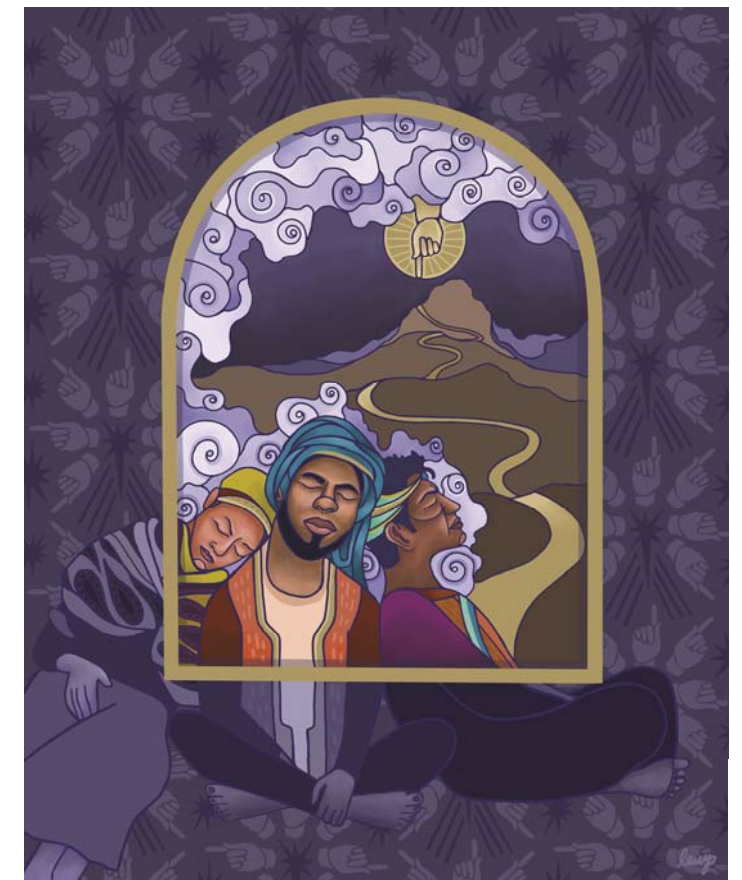
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



"Home by Another Way" by Lauren Wright Pittman

The Wise Men have a choice. They could succumb to the pressure of the King, which is thick in the air and pressing in all around them, or they could choose to listen to the mysterious guiding of their sleeping vision. They decide to change up the narrative and resist the domineering, violent powers of this world, trusting their dream, and taking the long, likely dangerous, journey home by another way.

January 2, 2022
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