**January 1, 2023**

**New Year’s Day**

**Epiphany Sunday**

**Holy Communion Sunday**



**Crescentville and Frankford Memorial**

**United Methodist Churches**

**Rev. Randy M. Brubaker, Pastor**

*“Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen, nobody knows but Jesus” the African American spiritual is sung. And on this New Year’s Day, we can all look back on the “troubles” of last year. Hopefully, we can also look forward, knowing that whatever troubles we face in this new year, we will face them with Jesus by our side; always present with us. Joy to the world, the Lord* ***IS*** *come! - Pastor Randy*

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**Epiphany Sunday *New Year’s Day* January 1, 2023**

**Welcome**

\*Chorus of Welcome *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

\*Call to Worship *Isaiah 60*

*Arise, Jerusalem, and shine like the sun; the glory of the Lord is shining on you! Other nations will be covered by darkness, but on you the light of the Lord will shine; the brightness of His presence will be with you. Nations will be drawn to your light, and kings to the dawning of your new day. Look around you and see what is happening: your people are gathering to come home! Your sons will come from far away; your daughters will be carried like children. You will see this and be filled with joy; you will tremble with excitement. The wealth of the nations will be brought to you; from across the sea their riches come. Great caravans of camels will come, from Midian and Ephah. They will come from Sheba, bringing gold and incense. People will tell the good news of what the Lord has done!*

**\*Opening Hymn** *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”* # 220

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;

ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain:* Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
 God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
 seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain*

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;

suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: *Refrain*

**\*Opening Prayer**

**O God, You made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples Him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know Your presence with us so to proclaim His unsearchable riches that all would come to His light and bow before the brightness of His rising, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**Children’s Message**

**Scripture Lesson** *Revelation 21:1-6a*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2**I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. **3**I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “Look! God’s dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. **4**He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” **5**Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look! I’m making all things new.” He also said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” **6**Then he said to me, “All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

**Hymn**  *“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”* [VS. 1-3, 5] # 383

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,  
 time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind  
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

In faith we'll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

**Joys & Concerns *Gathered Prayer***

Gifts and Offerings

*The Offertory “Thank You Lord For One More Day”*

**\*The Doxology** *“Doxology”* [TUNE: KINGS OF ORIENT]

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. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,

westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

**\*The Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn** *“The First Noel”*  # 245

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain:* Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;  
 and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;  
 to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
 and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee,  
 and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *Refrain*

**Gospel Lesson** *St. Matthew 2:1-12*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. **2**They asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.” **3*When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him.*** **4**He gathered all the chief priestsand the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. **5**They said, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote: **6***You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,* *by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,* *because from you will come one who governs,* *who will shepherd my people Israel.*” **7**Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. **8**He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” **9**When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. **10*When they saw the star, they were filled with joy.*** **11**They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12**Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

**Sermon** *“Untrouble Yourself”*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The 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;

the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at 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.

**\*Service of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you…………………...…**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts……………………...…..**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God….**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN**

**AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE**

**HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE**

**LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

...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 RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*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 and debts as we forgive our debtors and those who 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, forever. Amen.*

*BREAKING THE BREAD…………………….GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP*

***Communion Hymn***  *“What Feast Of Love”*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lord God, the Bright and Morning Star: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by Your light know the glory of Your presence**

**in Your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *“What Child Is This”* # 219

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

*Refrain:* This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
 haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
 Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

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

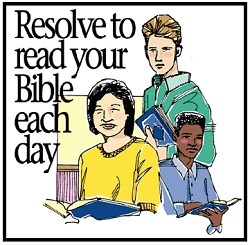
**Benediction *Quiet Meditation, Reflection, and Prayer***

**Choral Benediction** *“We Three Kings”*  [VS. 5] # 254

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,

westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.



**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

Reading the Bible on a regular and consistent basis has several benefits. First, the Bible shows us God’s character and provides us God’s revelation of himself to his people. In each section of the Bible, we see God’s holy, unchanging, faithful, gracious and loving character.

**January 08, 2023 - Baptism of the Lord**

Matthew 3:13-17 - Isaiah 42:1-9 - Psalm 29 – Acts 10:34-43

**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call the church and leave a message.***



***(215) 745-7115.*** Our prayers display trust in God, our belief in Christ, and when prayers are answered, we praise Him for his faithfulness. Our prayers glorify God. Praying is not just a conversation. Prayer is praise for the work God will do through our prayers. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again.

**Prayer Requests from December 18th**

Jim Rickerts - Prayers for recovery from serious health issue. (friend Sue Creevey)

Kathy Muzera - prayers as she grieves the death of her husband (friend of Dot Gallagher)

Valerie - prayers for her as she is going through difficulties (friend of Cocoa)

Jessica and Kayla Mc Manus, Adrian Stefanescu

Mai Quipu (friend of Martha Korto)

Traveling mercies for all during this holiday season.

**Continuing Prayers:**

Pastor Randy & Family Sana Aman Zilpha & James Browne Dorothy Buzzard Caroline (Burghaze’s Daughter) Rev. Khan Scott Meyer Marva Cass Quigley Betty Sauerwald & family Wondor Korto Sylvia Spotts Suzanne TurnerEva Baumgartel

Prayers for the Ukraine and Russia - for world peace

Prayers for our city and end to violence

Prayers for peace and stability in Sierra Leone.

