



THE LORD'S DAY
January 7, 2024
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Piano/Chancel Organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP & STRIKING THE HOUR *"Adeste Fideles" The Carillon Bells*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† INTROIT *"Every Day With Jesus"*
 † *Please stand as you are able.* (Verse 1)

† HYMN *"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"* Page 259
 (Verses 1,3,4)

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
 † ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

HYMN *"The First Noel"* Page 265
 (All Verses)

**WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND
 RECITE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES**

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 96"* *Psalter 96^A*
 Sung To The Tune of: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*
 (Verses 1,3)

RESPONSIVE READING: *"The Westminster Catechism"*

**WE RETURN OUR TIME, TALENT
 AND TREASURE UNTO THE LORD**

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER



**WE LIFT OUR
 VOICES IN PRAISE**

SPECIAL MUSIC

**CONFESSION OF FAITH AND
 EXPOSITION OF THE WORD**

† THE NICENE CREED

THE SERMON:
"Epiphany's Counterpoint"
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

COMMUNION HYMN *"Come to the Table"* Page 464
 (Verse 1)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
(Please hold the Elements until all are served.)

RESPONSORIAL *"Now Dismiss Thy Servant"*
 Based upon: *"Simeon's Song of Thanks"* from Luke 2:29-32
 (All Verses)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† CLOSING HYMN *"Jesus Saves"* Page 438
 (Verses 1,3)

† BENEDICTION

† ANTHEM *"The Family of God"* Page 419

**DEPART IN PEACE TO
 LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**



In this constantly changing world, our goal is to reflect and recapture the historic and classical worship of Almighty God. Central to our service is the proclamation of the Word and a biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith.

OUR MISSION

TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE,
 EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.



THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE
 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY ~ YEAR B
Luke 2:29-32 • Psalm 29
 Current series: 2 Thessalonians

WE AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- The Holy Trinity of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God and our guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to respectfully affirm the sanctity of life at every stage, from conception to ordinary death.
- The Biblical principles of immutable gender and sexuality: The exclusive union of one man and one woman in marriage; and fidelity to its vows. And, chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- God made all people from one man and although people can be distinguished by different ethnicities and nationalities, we are all one human race and absolute equals before God in creation, the need for repentance, and the offer of redemption.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel in every word and deed. Proclaiming to the world the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and seeking to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship, and submission to Him.

ATTENDANCE
 LAST SUNDAY: 117

Are you interested in Church Membership? We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. Please see Pastor Kler today.

Our Church believes in financial transparency and so our Quarterly Reports are displayed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



GIVING REPORT	
Week Ending December 31, 2023	
	\$2,591
Sunday General Giving	2,148
Online General Giving	330
Total General	2,478
Less 3% to Building	-74
Less 10% to Missions	-248
Net Revenue	2,156
Designated Giving	
Building Maintenance	74
Flowers	8
Gals	45
Hospitality	60
Missions	248
Total Designated Giving	435
Net Revenue	2,156
Designated Giving	435
Total Receipts	\$2,591

Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

EPIPHANY

A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES

Reformed/Worship Magazine



AS SOMEONE WHO grew up in a so-called "non-liturgical church," I was confused by my first encounter with the church calendar. I was accustomed to celebrating Easter and Christmas. But Advent, Epiphany, and Lent all sounded foreign to me. However, as I became familiar with the church year, I discovered that these holy days and seasons focused my attention on Christ's ministry in a fresh way.

One of the traditional church festivals that I understood least was Epiphany, the celebration of the Magi's visit to the young Jesus. I once expressed my confusion to a friend by saying: "Why make such a fuss over the wise men?" His answer helped me understand that Epiphany is not just "fuss over wise men" and that this Christian festival has a long history worthy of study for its own sake. But more importantly, I learned that celebrating Epiphany can help us appreciate the meaning of Christ's birth more fully and help us rediscover what worshipping Christ means.

The modern church in the West celebrates Epiphany on January 6 each year and recalls all the manifestations of Jesus as the Christ. In the East it primarily commemorates the baptism of Jesus and celebrates the revelation that the incarnate Christ was both fully God and fully man. Although the primary emphasis of the festival is still on Christ's disclosure to the Gentiles in the persons of the Magi, readings for the season include other passages that emphasize the divine nature of Jesus of Nazareth and the nature of his offer of redemption to people of every "tribe, language, people and nation." Revelation 5:9

As I reflect on the history and meaning of Epiphany, I find that the festival helps me understand God's work of redemption as I have not understood it before. It reminds us that God in Christ did something remarkable: he extended his grace to those originally outside the covenant. As Paul reminds the Ephesians, we were aliens and strangers, but God has made us part of the new Israel. Since the church has been primarily a gentile organization for centuries, we tend to forget that, at first, the notion of gentile converts shocked the early Christians. Peter, for example, needed a vision from God to convince him that the Messiah was for all nations, not just for Israel. And the church had to convene a major council to decide just what to do about the gentile converts. Celebrating Epiphany, then, should help us understand the grace of God, who has seen fit to include those of us who seemed to be excluded from the plan for salvation among the chosen people.

Epiphany also focuses our attention on people's responses to Christ's revelation. When the Magi came, they worshiped him and presented him with rich gifts, and on Epiphany, we are reminded that we must do the same. We need to worship Christ as King by presenting ourselves as gifts to him physically, financially, and spiritually. Such an action seems particularly appropriate for Reformed people. As stewards of God's gifts, we return to God what is rightfully his - everything! When we consider Epiphany as a natural counterpart of Christmas, it keeps us from dividing our lives into spiritual and secular realms; a tendency that even Reformed people can fall into.

~ J. A. Wildeman



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by: Linda Walchak, in loving memory of her husband Les's birthday.



Bill and Lucille Hyland, in honor of Psalm 105, verses 1 and 2.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 2024

- GAL's Meeting...Monday, January 8th at 12:30
Board Meeting...Tuesday, January 9th at 5:00 p.m.
Guy's Lunch...Thursday, January 11th at 11:00 a.m.
Guy's Prayer Group...Thursday, January 11th at 10:30 a.m.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

- Wednesday Bible Study...Weekly at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday School...Weekly at 9:00 a.m.
Lord's Day Worship...Weekly at 10:00 a.m.

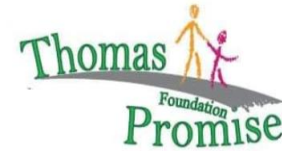


Don't, It's A Scam, He's Obviously A Cheetah.

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Their Mission is to provide Pasco County's most valuable resource - our school children - with the simplest things that most of our kids take for granted. Each week they pack more than 1,100 backpacks with safe, non-perishable, and nutritious food to see needy children through the weekend when school meals are not available.



THE ELDERS TEACHING & WORSHIP

Rev. H. Joseph Kler Senior Pastor / I.F.O.C. Chaplain
Rev. John O. Strauss Worship Leader / Minister of Music

THE DEACONS

Jim Leitzke, Gary Hatrick

OUR MUSICIANS

Ann Dantuma Pianist/Organist
Donna Zenisek-Huber Flutist

SOUND BOOTH

Ric Romyn, Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler

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GOD WRITES WITH A PEN THAT NEVER BLOTS, SPEAKS WITH A TONGUE THAT NEVER SLIPS, ACTS WITH A HAND THAT NEVER FAILS. CHARLES SPURGEON

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FAIRVIEW

COMMUNITY CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS ...a Christ-centered, Reformed faith fellowship.

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but Encourage one another as the Day of the Lord draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



Epiph·a·ny:

A sudden perception, or an illuminating discovery.

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