



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Hospitality • Faith • Compassion

Covenant Community Church



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Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 2019

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

People: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Leader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the East, saying: Where is he who is born king of the Jews.

People: For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

Leader: The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*Opening Hymn #192 As with Gladness Men of Old

*Hymn # 197 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Interlude

We Respond

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response:

He said, "Freely, freely, you have received; freely, freely give.

Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live."

Communion Hymn #552

How Great the Joy (vs. 1-4)

The Lord's Supper

Lord's Prayer (see green insert)

We Are Sent Into the World

*Closing Hymn #207

Christ is the Truth, the Way

*Benediction

*Response (*our tradition is to face and bless each other as we sing*)

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader:

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Denotes all who are able, please stand

Helping Us to Worship

Ministers to the World:

The Congregation

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conner

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Susanna Olson

Communion/Bread Providers:

Wayne and Diane Border

Greeters:

Gordon and Josy Moore

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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.

Sunday Worship—January 13, 2019

Greeters:

Church Cleaners: Diane & Wayne Border
(December 31, 2018-January 13, 2019)

Welcome!

Greetings! And a warm welcome to you!

We are glad to have you here—we are better together.

If you are visiting us for the first time,
please sign our guest book at the entrance,
and complete a visitor's card

Please join us for coffee or tea after worship.
We would like to get to know you.

Child care (infant through pre-K) is provided
during the worship service.

We ask that you please pick up your child
promptly after church.

This Week's Events

Sunday, January 6th

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Church de-greening, following worship

Wednesday, January 9th

Alpha Group, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 10th

Alpha Group, 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 12th

Town Meadows Outreach, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

If you have announcements, prayer requests or other special needs
contact Pastor Jeannette Conner, 879-4313 (church) or Diane Border,
Church Administrative Assistant 879-4313

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 13th

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 16th

Alpha Group, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 17th

Alpha Group, 1:00 p.m.

Food Shelf Set Up, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 19th

Food Shelf Distribution, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 20th

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

World Vision Covenant Children's Christmas Project Update

Monetary Value \$547 which purchased the following items:

- 4 goats
- 1 rabbit
- 4 chickens
- 2 ducks
- 2 mosquito nets
- Medicine
- Child Protection

These gifts have an ongoing impact in the lives of the families that receive them. Fresh milk and eggs improve nutrition.

Growing numbers of livestock provide a cash source when surplus animals are sold. Thanks for your generosity. ~The children of Covenant Community Church

Announcements

- **Please stay after worship today and help with de-greening the church.** Many hands make for light and quick work. Thank you.
- **Outreach Opportunity, January 12, 2:00-4:00PM:** We will be visiting our friends at Town Meadows to perform light housekeeping, home projects, and other activities.
- **Alpha Groups:**
Thursday, January 10, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9, 6:00 p.m. A light meal will be provided.
- **Praying Together on Friday afternoons:** We will resume on January 11, 3:00 p.m. at church.
- **Food Shelf:** Reminder to bring in items and put in the red grocery cart in the lobby/Narthex. Questions, talk with Bob Bates.
Set Up, Thursday, January 17, 6:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Route 15, Jericho.

Distribution, Saturday, January 19, 9:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd.

Matthew 2:1-12 New Living Translation (NLT)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ² “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”

³ King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. ⁴ He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”

⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote:

⁶ ‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah,
are not least among the ruling cities of Judah,
for a ruler will come from you
who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸ Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”

⁹ After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped 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 his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.