



# Galena United Methodist Church

January 2, 2022 10:30 am

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Arise, Shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you* Isaiah 60:1

Greeter: Lonna McDermott/Liturgist: Elisa Skeeter

Pianist/Organist: Cody Clayton

### We Gather in the Spirit

#### \*Preludes

*Angels from the Realm of Glory* UMH 220 Words: James Montgomery/ Music: Henry Smart Public Domain

*We Three Kings* UMH #254 by: John H. Hopkins, 1857 Public Domain

#### Welcoming and Christmas Poinsettia Dedications

Julie Eggleston, Lay Speaker

#### Threshold Moment

One: Shining star, lead us on as we seek the way of peace.

**All: Spirit of hope, lead us on as we seek the way of joy.**

One: Christ Child, whose very presence brings us to singing,

**All: fill us with your song!**

*Arise, Shine*

FWS #2005

by Phil Keaggy

**Arise, shine for your light has come, Arise, shine for your light has come.**

**And the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you,**

**And the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

#### Candle Lighting

Today our sanctuary is lit again with the Christ Candle that illumines the Door of Welcome.

May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.

May Christ's Light awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.

There *IS* room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

#### The Peace

The Light of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

#### \*Opening Song

*There's a Song in the Air* UMH #249 by Joshia G. Holland, 1872 Public Domain

**1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!**

**There's a mother's deep prayer and a Baby's low cry!**

**And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,**

**For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!**

**2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,**

**For the virgin's sweet Boy is the Lord of the earth.**

**Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,**

**For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!**

**3. In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;**

**And that song from afar has swept over the world.**

**Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing**

**In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!**

**4. We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song  
That comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.  
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,  
And we greet in His cradle our Savior and King!**

**\*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance**

**One:** As we come to this time of confession, may we leave behind our limitations and open our hearts, that we may know God's forgiveness.

God of perfect light, lead us as we journey through life. Forgive us when like Herod, selfish ambition makes us willing to hurt others. Forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to follow the light you give us. Shine in our lives, through the light of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

With light, truth, and grace, God surrounds us with a love that will not let us go.

**All:** **Today, God calls us each by name, welcomes us to the manger and into the family of faith, and grants us a peace that the world cannot give. Thanks be to God!**

**We Hear God's Word**

**Preparing for God's Word**

*We Three Kings (refrain only)*

John H. Hopkins, Jr.

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Hebrew Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 60:1-6

NRSV

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12

NRSV

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Responding to God's Word**

*We Three Kings*

John H. Hopkins, Jr.

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Witness to the Word**

*Star of Wonder*

Julie Eggleston

**Songs and Carols**

*Lo How a Rose UMH 216*

*by Theodore Baker.*

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,  
From tender stem hath sprung.  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung;  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind;  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to men a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

*Away in a Manger* UMH 217 Text: Anon., ca. 1883, Philadelphia/Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921

1. Away in a manger  
No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky  
Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay

2. The cattle are lowing  
The Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying He makes  
Look down from the sky  
And stay by my side  
'til morning is nigh

*The First Noel* UMH #245 By Anon. Public Domain

1. The First Noel, the Angels 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  
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  
Noel, Noel  
Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

*What Child Is This* UMH #219 Words: William Chatterton Dix, / Music: "Greensleeves," 16th Century English melody

1. 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?  
This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary

2. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh  
Come, peasant, king, to own him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone him  
This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary

*Star Child* FWS #2095

Words: Shirley Erena Murray/Music: Carlton Young; © 1994 Hope Publishing Co

**Star Child, earth Child, go between of God,  
love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lighting rod,  
This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!**

Street child, beat child, no place left to go,  
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,  
This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Grown child, old child, memory full of years,  
sad child, lost child, story told in tears,  
This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Hope-for-peace Child, God's stupendous sign, down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine,  
This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

## **We Respond in Faith**

### **Invitation for Prayer**

*You are invited to respond to God's Word by writing your prayer on the prayer card in your pew.  
Prayers may be read for the congregation, unless you indicate otherwise.*

### **Prayer Music**

*Love Came Down at Christmas* UMH #242  
Love came down at Christmas  
Love, a lovely love divine  
Love was born at Christmas  
Stars and angels gave the sign

### **Prayers of the People**

## **Gift of Offering**

*Because of COVID we are not passing the offering plate but there are many ways you might support the ministries of this "INN of God" There is a wooden box at the back of the sanctuary provided for your giving or you may donate by mail or electronic giving through your bank. Together, we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally.*

**Our "Change for the Better, January through March is**  
(if added to your tithe check, indicate donation amount on MEMO)

**Joining First Presbyterian & Grace Episcopal Church in fund raising for RIP Medical Debt Relief Program/Fundraising Campaign** \$1 equals \$100 in Debt Relief for the poorest.

**\*Singing our Thanksgiving** *Doxology (What Child Is This)*  
We bring our gifts to celebrate your gift of incarnation:  
The Word made flesh in Jesus Christ, the Lord of all creation.  
Praise, praise to you, O God and to your Son forever be;  
Praise, Holy Spirit, praise the blessed Trinity.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

One: Gather up our love, our praise, our hopes, our fears, even our best epiphanies. God we give it all to you.  
All: We feel you reflecting that love back to us, more amazing than we can imagine. In the name of the Christ Child we pray. Amen.

## **We Go Forth in God's Spirit**

### **\*Closing Song**

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow FWS #2096

Afro-American Spiritual

1. There's a star in the East on Christmas morn  
 Rise up shepherds and follow.  
 It'll show you the place where the child is born.  
 Rise up shepherds and follow.

2. If you take good heed to the angel's words,  
 Rise up shepherds and follow.  
 You'll Forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds,  
 Rise up shepherds and follow. [Chorus]

[Chorus:]  
 Follow, follow, rise up shepherds and follow.  
 Follow the star of Bethlehem  
 Rise up shepherds and follow.

3. Leave your sheep and leave your lambs.  
 Rise up shepherds and follow.  
 Leave your ewes and leave your rams.  
 Rise up shepherds and follow. (Chorus)

**\*Blessing & Sending Forth**

**Postlude**

Cody Clayton, Pianist/Organist

*Angels from the Realm of Glory* *UMH #220*  
*Words: James Montgomery, 1816/Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867*

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Pat Bull**
- 3 Terry Carroll**
- 3 Darcy Muehleip**
- 8 Meg Gibbs**
- 8 Samantha Anderson**
- 15 Ingrid Muehleip**



DATE	LITURGIST	GREETERS	COFFEE HOST
January 2	Elisa Streeter	Lonna McDormott	
January 9	Dale Henze	Elisa Skeeter	
January 16	Sarah Newton	The Lieb Family	



# Christmas Poinsettia Dedications



In memory of **Anne Wyss**, Annie's mom, from David and Annie Silaggi

In memory of **Wayne Turner** from Mary Turner and family

In memory of **Ben Allen-Stewart** from Patricia Allen-Stewart

In memory of **Bob Price** from Charlene Buran Price & family

In memory of **Wayne McDermott Family** from Lonna McDermott

In memory of **Loved Ones** from Lonna McDermott

In memory of **Breeze Bohnsock** from Dan, B' Ann, Chase & Brooke Dittmar

In memory of **Earl Bader** from the Janette Bader

In memory of **Smiley (Irwin) Nejd1** from Pat Bull

In memory of **Our Parents, Ricki and Bill Franz and Lill and Irv Nejd1** from Pat Bull

In memory of **Bill Wilmarth** by Donna, David, Heidi and Ben

In memory of **Joe and Marieta Pope** by Donna, David, Heidi and Ben

In memory of **Eck DeBord and Elsie DeBord Virtue** from Bevery DeBord and familyI

In Memory of **Carol and Ron Ericson** from their sons: Steve (Susan), Brent (Veronique) and Mark

In memory of **Jaxson John Murphy, our grandson** from Pat and John Willy

In memory of **Keith and Grace Clayton, our parents** from Pat and John Willy

In memory of **Family Members** from Karen and Justin Hughes and Ruth Langas.

In memory of **Jim and Mary Jane Vincent** from Mary, Ruth, Sarah, Bill and Martha and families

In memory of **Paul and Jim Newton** from Carter, Sarah, Paul, Jane and Vincent Newton

In memory of **nephew, parents, and brothers** from Terry and Ginny Carroll

In memory of **Bob DeBord** from Beverly DeBord and family

In memory of **Ben and Elisa Thorward, Sr.** from Elisa Skeeter

In memory of **Betty and Harold Stephens** from Lynn and Mike Sisler

In memory of **Vivian and Clyde Sisler, Cheri Sisler** from Lynn and Mike Sisler

In memory of **Orville and Devorah Rodden** from Jim and Suzanne Sproule

In memory of **Marion and Willard Henze** from Dale and Judy Henze

In memory of **Pearl and Harold Miller** from Dale and Judy Henze

In honor /memory of **The Muehleips:** and families from Ingrid Muehleip

In honor/memory of **the Glanmans and families** from Darcy Muehleip

In celebration of **our families** from Dennis and Mildren Irwin

In honor of **my sister, Janet Eggleston** by Julie

In honor of **my great grandchildren, Jude Robin & Lizbeth Shade** by Julie Eggleston

In memory of **loved ones** from Bill & Phyllis Ortman

In memory of **Serena and Ernest Powell** from Pastor Catiana

In memory of **Aunt Maxine Bates** from Pastor Catiana



GUMC members not noted above passing in 2020 & 2021

In memory of **Betty Schalk** 2021, **Michella Brotheridge** 2021, **Wayne Shepherd** 2020, **Anita Chamberlain** 2020, **Kenneth Schubert** 2020, **Charles Primrose** 2020-

## **PRAYERS: Joys & Concerns**

Prayers for peace and reconciliation within our country and within our world; prayers for an awareness of the senseless violence and gun obsession in our country and prayers that we take action through common sense gun legislation and open hearts. Prayers for healing from the sins of racism. May our awareness turn into healing action. Prayers for pandemic awareness.... vaccinations for the health and well-being of all and what we do or don't do effects the health of others.

**Prayers for Celia Hartman, a pre-school teacher at River Ridge, who is battling COVID;** Prayers for the family & friends of former Lord of Love pastor, **Rev. Dennis Hill**. He passed away late Nov..

**Ben Allen-Stewart** - Ben died peacefully with Patricia and Nick by his side. He had been ill for several weeks with a reoccurrence of encephalitis which he had a few years ago. Please continue to hold Patricia and the family in your prayers. Patricia's address is 1008 Third St., Galena.

**Ruth, friend of Pat Bull, lost her husband last week. He had been ill for some time. Prayers please.**

**Karen Hughes' brother, Elmer John Phillips passed away mid-November. Hold the family in prayer**

**Janette Bader** is now recovering at home. Janette's address is 6481 N. Bowden Dr., Scales Mound, IL 61075

**Janette's daughter, Karen, fell, breaking her hip. Please hold Karen in prayer.**

**Ginny Carroll has been diagnosed with Acute Leukemia. Prayers as she** continues her treatment in Madison. Cards- 1399 S. Irish Hollow Road, Galena; Please keep **Jorene Lieb** in your prayers-health- 2586 N. Windy Lane, Galena; Prayers for **Julie Eggleston's grandson, Jonah and Brooke and her great grandchildren, Jude and Lizbeth; Lonna's daughter-in-law, Cathy McDermott**, is undergoing Chemo treatment. Hold her & the family in prayer; **Ingrid's brother, John**, died as a result if a car accident near St. Cloud. **His wife, Cora** is recovering. Prayers for **the Muehleip family;** Prayers for **Ingrid's health concerns** and for **Darcy's friends, Atron Regan-**prayers for remission and for **Debbie Furlong's family on her passing.**

**Pastor Catiana's sister, Patty Thomas**, begins chemo this week; **Dave & Judy's friend, Courtney Evenode**, last of family- prayers for job and home and son, Luke and daughter, Ella;

**Continue prayers for Mary Turner and the Turner family for the passing of Wayne, whose service was held Monday, Oct. 11.;** **Beverly DeBord's brother, Donald Renner**, died the end of Sept.. Please remember the **DeBord -Renner family** at this time;

**Pam McKinsey's mother, Ruth Eileen Henrichs**, passed away last month. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers, and prayers for **Pam's sister, Melanie;**

**Annie Silaggi's mother, Alice Wyss from Monroe Wisconsin passed away recently. Prayers Appreciated.**

Continue prayers for **Carolyn and Tom Grey**. Address: Carolyn Grey 130 W 28th Ave. Spokane, WA 99203; prayers for **Roberta Turner's great grandson, new-born, Khyson Turner; Judy's niece, Wendy** in prayer for depression, **Judy's cousin, Dean & Dave's sister, Judy Lopez**, with extreme pain from osteoporosis and is awaiting surgery and prayers for the **Biegon's friend, Nancy H.**

Hold **Charlene Price in prayer for healing** (compression-fracture) following a fall; prayers for **Elisa Skeeter, her family and neighbors; hold Lonna and her daughter, Joni** in prayer for health concerns; **Betty Kabara's** health; **Daniel Saben**, continued prayers; **Cheryl and Jim White;** Please hold **Sarah and Carter** in prayer as Sarah continues her process of healing; Pray for **Sarah's brother, Bill**, who has cancer. Prayers for the **Brotheridge family** as Michelle has passed away; **Larry Cook and his family; Curtis Cook, Larry's grandson; Lisa and Terry Prindle.**

Continued prayers for all Immigrants; victims of gun violence & all experiencing PTSD; all responders to tragedies in our country & around the world; prayers for the people of the United Methodist Church as we find a new expression of more fully living into the grace-filled ministry of our faith; Prayers for peaceful solutions to world issues that are too often addressed with violence; Prayers for the world and its leaders facing difficult decisions every day. May decisions be made with wisdom and care for the benefit of all.

