

**Morning Worship
Epiphany of Our Lord**

10:30 A.M. January 3, 2010

Prelude (Titles of our organ Prelude, Offertory, & Postlude are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer this morning.)

Greetings and Announcements
Call to Worship Jan Rolecki
Introit (26) Bach
"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

Invocation (Unison)
Lord and Maker of all, you are our light and our salvation: keep us connected to you, in that joy which nothing can take away. Lord Jesus Christ, oh bright and morning star: shine on us, and fill us with your humility, wisdom, and grace. Holy Spirit of God: enlighten our minds, and empower our wills, so that we may follow our Savior, joyfully and gratefully, all the days of our lives. Amen.

*Hymn "As with Gladness Men of Old" **63**

Service of Confession

Silent Prayers
Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Lord God, you gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. But we still fail to trust that you are with us, in all places and circumstances of human life. We still fail, at times, to incarnate his saving love and sacrifice for this troubled world. So we turn to you to forgive, to encourage, and to continue to transform us, into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon
The Lord's Prayer (Debts)

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.
Choral Response

Responsive Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine! for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness covers the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Lift up your eyes and look around you: all gather and come to you,

Your sons and daughters come from afar.

Then you will look and be radiant; your heart will swell with joy.

The wealth of the seas will be brought to you; to you the riches of the nations will come.

Herds of camels in caravan will cover the land, and all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense, and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Service of Giving

*Hymn "We Three Kings of Orient Are" **66**
*Sentences
Tithes and Offerings
Offertory
*Doxology 592
*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Service of Reflection

Children's Message
Scripture Ephesians 3: 1-12

*Hymn "What Child Is This" **53**
Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12
Anthem (67) J. P. Harding
"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

Sermon "Gentiles"
Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" **28**

*Benediction
*Congregational Response
**Christian, rise and act thy creed,
Let thy prayer be in thy deed;
Seek the right, perform the true,
Raise thy work and life anew. Amen.**

*Postlude
Dismissed to our service in the world

*Standing

Serving Today

Ushers Mike Wilson, Captain, Evan Wilson
Frank Siler, Carol Vargas
Reader Jan Rolecki
Greeter Cookie Goodall
Nursery Virginia Lopez
Junior Church Lisa Scott

This Week

Today 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Senior Choir
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship
Nursery provided
Coffee Hour
11:30 p.m.
Tuesday 9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Prayer Group in Library
Wednesday 7:15 p.m. Choir Night

Notices

The new flower chart is up on the back bulletin board. The cost of flowers is \$40.00. When you sign up please specify if the flowers are in honor or memory of the person.

Please remember to check the new sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the back hallway, to see if we need help on Sunday mornings in coming weeks

Adult Sunday School Class

The adult Sunday School class is beginning a new topic on January 3; it is "Christians in a Diverse World: How Pluralistic Should We Be?"

Why not start the New Year right by coming to Sunday School? We are never too old to learn.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FBC

Celebrating the 166th Birthday of the Church. The First Baptist Church of Lewisburg was organized January 3rd, 1844.

Choir Night

Wednesday, December 6 at 7:15 p.m.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will meet next Sunday Evening, January 10th, at 7 p.m. in the Library. Copies of the article to be discussed can be found on the desk in the Library.



Ecumenical Winter Retreat "In the Light of the Moment" *Living at Home With Ourselves*

The 38th annual Ecumenical Winter Retreat will be held **January 22-24, 2010** at Wesley Forest in western Union County about 25 miles from Lewisburg. The theme will be "In the Light of the Moment". Our leader will be Mary L. Wade, minister, poet, organization founder and world traveler. Mary is a powerful yet warm presence with a wealth of life experience. Your life will be enriched by sharing a weekend with her. A brochure giving further details of the weekend is available at the church office. Don't miss this one! Save the dates now and plan to enjoy this stimulating and enjoyable weekend with friends.

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For Your Prayer

Ken Bollinger, Violet Dietrich, Judy Ellis, Herman Howard Jr., Mike Lucas and Betty Siler are at home. Bill Bobb is at RiverWoods.

Beverly Fisher, Evelyn Reed, and Helena Rivoire are at RiverWoods. Janet VanBuskirk is at Riverview Manor. Harriet Littell is at ElmCroft. Gloria Miller is at Rolling Hills Manor. Frank Molinaro is at Orangeville Nursing Home.

Prayer Chain

If you are interested in being part of a prayer chain, please contact Jan Rolecki at 523-6074 or Kathryn Morris at kmorris1@dejazzd.com

Annual Meeting of the Church

Following worship on **Sunday, January 10**, there will be the annual congregational meeting. Acceptance of reports, election of church Officers and Deacons and adoption of a budget .

Yearly Church Envelopes

2010 subscription envelopes are in the foyer. Please put your name on the first few envelopes.

2009 Annual Reports

Annual reports will be available in the church office this week. Please contact us if you want one ahead of Sunday's meeting. Thank you.

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