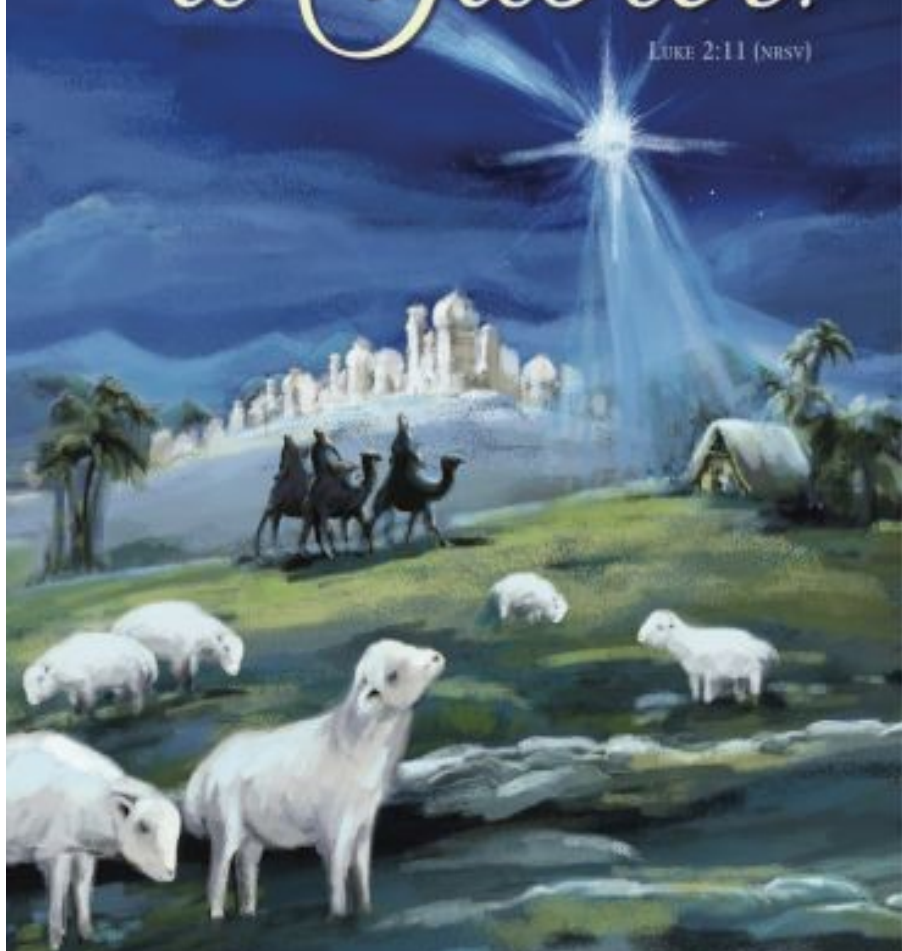


To you is born this day...

a Savior.

LUKE 2:11 (NRSV)



January 8, 2023

Epiphany of the Lord

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*If you are able, please stand for items marked *
Portions in bold type are for congregational participation.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER AND CONFESS

PRELUDE

Marsch der heiligen drei Könige

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, from Psalm 72)*

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness
to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your
poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills,
in righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give
deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like
showers that water the earth...**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

**May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him
service.**

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who
have no helper.

**He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives
of the needy. From oppression and violence he redeems
their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.**

INVOCATION

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together*)

Lord God, it seems as if the earth is wrapped in darkness, deep darkness. Your people claim favor, neither welcoming those who come from great distances nor receiving those exiled with open arms. We hoard our blessings and our resources, instead of bearing gifts. We bow to authority to protect ourselves rather than risking ourselves to follow you. Forgive our selfishness, and lead us into the light of love, O God, that there we may live as we have been taught with our hearts transformed by the light of your glory. Amen.

*** KYRIE**

Lord Have Mercy

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Lord, have mercy; Christ Have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*** GLORIA**

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-9

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This is the Word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON

A Dangerous World

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* **AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (*Traditional; Together*)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **HYMN 150**

As with Gladness Men of Old

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people. You raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. From worlds apart, you gathered us together. When we go astray, you welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
Highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He came to earth as the light of the world. In love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Jesus trusted his life to you, and went freely to his death, so the world might be set free from suffering and sin. You raised him from death and raise us also to live a new life with him. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept our praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. With all who have gone before us, keep us faithful to the gospel teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Give us strength to serve you until the promised day of the resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Partita on “*Noel Nouwelet*”

* **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* 606
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. Amen

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

* **HYMN 151** *We Three Kings*

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Noel Nouvelet"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS - We are so glad that you are here worshipping with us today. If this is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out the blue visitor card available in the pews and place it in the offering plate. If you are participating in Beckley Presbyterian Church and you would like to become a member, please speak with the Pastor after worship.

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL class began today and will continue to meet at 9:45 on Sundays in the Witherspoon Room. Dr. John Vance is teaching a class about the Psalms.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: PART II. Please join us at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the sanctuary as we come together to take down our Advent and Christmas decorations.

FLOWERS Let's start the new year with beautiful floral tributes in our sanctuary. Honor or celebrate someone or event (new baby, anniversary, birthday) with flowers. Contact Betsy Gilmer at (304)253-8923 for details.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: First Presbyterian Church, Huntington and Cabwaylingo Chapel, both in the Presbytery of West Virginia; and Gichira Church in the Gaaki parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to: Ann Worley, lay reader; Jennifer Blankenship, TWYD, and livestream operators Paul Wykle and Bill Mullins.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Witherspoon room.

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 9:00 a.m. An electronic invitation is sent out ahead of time.

NURSERY CARE will be provided today in the Educational Building.

RESTROOMS are located on either side of the sanctuary on the landing going downstairs to the Friendship Hall. **Men's Restroom** on the **right landing** and **Ladies** on the **left landing**. **Handicapped Accessible Restrooms** are located in the back of the sanctuary and the parking lot entrance hallway leading to the Friendship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 1

Isa. 63:7-9 and Ps. 148;
Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-2

January 8

Baptism of the Lord

Isa. 42:1-9 and Ps. 29;
Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17

January 15

Isa. 49:1-7 and
Ps. 40:1-11;
1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 22

Isa. 9:1-4 and Ps. 27:1, 4-9;
1 Cor. 1:10-18;
Matt. 4:12-23

January 29

Micah 6:1-8 and Ps. 15;
1 Cor. 1:18-31;
Matt. 5:1-12

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Jan 8

9 a.m. Online Sunday school.
9:45 a.m. Sunday school in
Witherspoon Room.
11:00 a.m.- Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

MONDAY, Jan 9

TUESDAY, Jan 10

8:00 p.m.-AA Meeting-Ed Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, Jan 11

11:00 a.m.-Carpenters Corner

THURSDAY, Jan 12

10:30 a.m.-PWomen at BKCC

FRIDAY, Jan 13

8:00 p.m.-AA Meeting-Ed Bldg.

SATURDAY, Jan 14

SUNDAY, Jan 15

9 a.m. Online Sunday school.
9:45 a.m. Sunday school in
Witherspoon Room.
11:00 a.m.- Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

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