

TODAY'S LESSONS: THE EPIPHANY

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O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 60:1-6

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.

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, * and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; * he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles -- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety

might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

The Calendar

Sunday, January 5

- 8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- 9am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 10am Holy Eucharist, Church
- 10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room
- 11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 12:30pm Mother of the Savior (MotS)
Eucharist, Church
- 1:30pm Mother of the Savior (Mots)
Coffee Hour, Lounge

Monday, January 6

- 4:30pm CHI Running, Room 213
- 7pm Scout Leaders, Resource Room

Tuesday, January 7

- 6:30pm Scout PLC Meeting, Library
- 7:30pm AAUW, Lounge

Wednesday, January 8

Thursday, January 9

Friday, January 10

Saturday, January 11

Sunday, January 12

- 8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- 9am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 10am Holy Eucharist, Church
- 10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room
- 11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 11:20am Holy Currencies Study,
Fellowship Hall
- 12:30pm MotS Eucharist, Church
- 1:30pm MotS Coffee Hour, Lounge
- 3pm Sonneman Studio Recital,
Church & Lounge

Spiritual Offerings

Centering Prayer, Room 19
Tuesday 6:15pm

Yoga, Room 213
Tuesday 7:15pm

AA meets

Monday, 8pm, Lounge
Wednesday, 8pm, Room 213
Thursday, 11:30am, Room 213
Thursday, 6:30pm, Resource Room
Saturday, Noon, Room 213

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday nights, 7pm

Bridge, Lounge
Wednesday 1pm

Listening Group, Lounge
1st & 3rd Monday 7pm

Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall
Sunday 2pm
Wednesday 7pm

Sonneman Voice & Piano, Choir Room
Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-9pm
Saturday 10am-4pm

Stretching, Fellowship Hall
2nd & 4th Saturday 10:30am



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THE COMMUNICATOR: PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU

For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan (Grace Church [Mt. Clemens]); for the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic (St. Michael's [San Cristobal] and St. Anthony of Padua [Carreton]); for The Rev. Bonnie A. Perry, Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

The Sick and Suffering: For Kaitlyn.

Armed Forces: For all those serving in harm's way.

Concerns in the World: For those who are suffering from natural disasters and extreme weather conditions.

Departed: Sharon Lynne Bowers

To place someone on the prayer list or request a pastoral visit please contact the church office.

Special Events and Announcements:

Sign Up Has Begun

Baptized For Life Dinners

A series of eight dinners focusing on deepening intercultural relationships and growing our faith as Christians will begin in January 2020. We will host two meals a month that will use the conversation guide, "Eating Together Faithfully". The schedule for this first series of dinners is January 16 & 30, February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, and April 2 & 23 from 6-9pm. It is important to commit to all 8 dinners in the series and do your best to be there. Contact Erin in the church office if you would like to attend this first series. If you can't make this series, second series of 8 dinners will be offered in the summer.

Intentional About Money

The Social Justice implementation team of the Renaissance task force is offering a financial literacy course at Christ Church starting on Wednesday evening, January 15th, running every other week for 9 sessions. The course, Intentional About Money, is based on setting up a budget and deciding where every dollar should go and sticking with that to pay off debts and grow wealth. A brochure with the registration form is available in the church office and from Diana Brehob; the brochure will also be included in the next Courier. Contact the Office 313 565-8450 or Diana Brehob for more information.

Holy Currencies Book Study

The Holy Currencies book study will continue with a bible sharing time and discussion on chapters 3-4 on Sunday, January 12. There will be two sessions one at 8:45am in the library, and a second one at 11:30am at a table in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to participate even if you have not read the book as the discussion will include Bible sharing and reflection questions that apply beyond the content in the book.

Envelope Boxes

Envelope boxes for 2020 are on the table across from the church office. If you are unable to find yours, contact Erin in the office.