



Welcome!

Because we believe that the risen Christ is in our midst, we also believe that we should never place a period where God has placed a comma.

Order of Worship

January 5th, 2025 | 10:30 am

Epiphany Observed

We Gather

Welcome

Prelude

Come Christians Join to Sing

Carr/Hayes

*Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen!

***Hymn #172 (Chalice)**

We Three Kings

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, You call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in Your hands, and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. We confess that we find this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where You lead—to leave our places of comfort, to go on the long journeys, to trust that if we seek, we shall indeed find.

You are invited to use the time before service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.

Worship Liturgy

Throughout the worship liturgy, you are invited to respond with all of the words in bold.

***Asterisk indicates please rise in body or spirit**

Hymns

are chosen from the "black" *New Century Hymnal* or "blue" *Chalice Hymnal* located in the back of your pew.

Forgive us, O God. Increase our faith. Like the wise men of old, fix our eyes on the hope of Christ, and be our companion as we set out to discover him anew. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of the 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 forever. Amen.

We Hear

Old Testament: **Isaiah 60:1-6** **(page 690)**

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

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.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

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.

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

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New Testament: **Ephesians 3:1-12** **(page 193)**

Gospel: **Matthew 2:1-12** **(page 2)**

***Gospel Response**

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!

Sermon

We Respond

***Hymn #384 (Chalice)**

Here, at Thy Table, Lord

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Offertory Prayer**

Almighty God, we follow the Magi in laying our gifts before you, and we pray that as you receive our acts of offering, you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts. Increase our joy and compassion in the good news of Christ, that we might lead lives which serve you more deeply. Amen.

We Commune

Call to the Table

Wise men from a far distant land came to the newborn child and offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, appropriate tributes for the king of the nations.

As we gather around this table, we are grateful that it is not our table, but the table of the Lord. By invitation of the Savior, we share this meal with brothers and sisters of every nation, language, and ethnicity. Here at this table, we anticipate peace on earth, and good will to all.

Communion Prayer

It is indeed right that we give thanks and praise to you, Holy God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... Remembering the cross that this child was soon to bear, we humble ourselves and join in the constant song of joy around your throne, the song of the cherubim and seraphim...

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am – Adult Sunday School

9:15 am – Children's Sunday School

10:30am – Hybrid In-Person and Online Worship

Church Staff

Sam Chamelin, *Pastor*

Mary Ann Driscoll, *Organist*

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Are you interested in joining St. Mary's U.C.C.?

Please contact the church office.

Pastoral Emergencies

Please call the church office or call/text Pastor Sam at 717-309-7680.

Prayer Chain

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Church Office Hours

Mondays 9 - 1

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**Holy, holy, holy,
God of love and majesty
The whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for all people, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives and moves in us. Amen.

***Hymn: #173 (Chalice)**

As With Gladness

We Are Sent

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

***Postlude**

Trumpet Tune and March

Clarke/Wolfe