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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE
January 7, 2018
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
10:30 AM

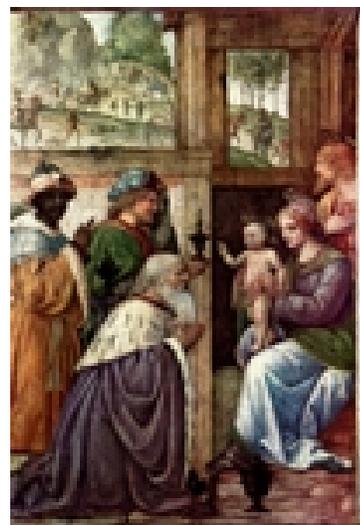
Rev. Dr. Roger Verse

Scripture readings:
Isaiah 60: 1 - 6
Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Message: "*Would You Go the Extra Mile... And Where Would It Take You?*"

Epiphany occurs on January 6, 12 days after the day the Christian church identifies as the day Jesus was born. It is traditionally understood as the day the magi arrived to meet the baby Jesus.

The book of Matthew, Chapter 2: 1-12, describes this visit and the dreams that directed the magi to and then away from the Christ Child. The chapter continues telling of the dreams that led Joseph to escape to Egypt and finally settle in the town of Nazareth in Galilee. These dreams can be referred to as “epiphanys”.



The following is from the “Presbyterian Mission” publication, as reported in Presbyterian Today, Dec. 2017 – Jan. 2018 issue. It describes the role of “epiphany” in Christian worship.

The English word epiphany is rooted in the Greek word “epipháneia”. An epiphany is a revelation, a manifestation. (It is often identified as being revealed in a dream). Epiphany is the celebration of God’s manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God’s promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God’s covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God’s self-revelation in Christ.

All six occurrences of epiphanies in the New Testament’s original Greek language refer to Christ’s coming. The story portrays the manifestation of God in person. The Most High is shown forth in the least likely, humblest guise.

Matthew’s second chapter refers to three dreams that convey divine guidance to the dreamer. First comes the dream that warns the Magi to steer clear of duplicitous King Herod. A few verses later, Joseph dreams of the Lord, who leads the exiled holy family to Israel. Then another dream warns Joseph away from Herod’s son and toward the Galilean town of Nazareth.

The dream of the Magi and the insight of Joseph, manifest this truth: When our minds are at rest and we are receptive to the light that shines in the darkness, sometimes God is revealed to us and our lives’ purposes are made clear.



The beautiful Nativity figures on the porch of the Sanctuary celebrate EPIPHANY, in recognition of the visit of the Magi to the Holy Child.

Thank you, Hazel Stackhouse, for this lovely and meaningful gift.

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

BRANDON GLICK, MINISTER OF MUSIC AT HSCPC, IS HAPPY TO PRESENT THE CONCERT SERIES FOR WINTER AND SPRING OF 2018. These concerts are offered free of charge to our members and the surrounding community. A free will offering will be received at the conclusion of each concert to help support the HSCPC concert program.



Brent Vernon (and Sam)

Sunday, January 21 at 4:00pm, in the Sanctuary

A contemporary Christian singer, ventriloquist and children’s author, Brent (and Sam) will provide for a delightfully entertaining afternoon of song and humor.

Jazz in the Courtyard

The Rowdy Roosters

Friday, January 26 at 7:00pm

Join us for a wonderful outdoor concert of Dixieland Jazz in our beautiful courtyard.



Enyart String Quartet

Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary

South Fork High School Carillon Choir.

Sunday, March 4, 4PM

The Church courtyard will ring out with the beautiful voices of this talented 60 member choir.



Instrumental concert, featuring flute, oboe and piano.

Tuesday, April 10 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Amy Clark on flute, Carrie Fox on oboe and our own **Brandon Glick** on piano will join together to fill the church sanctuary with beautiful music.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHOIR

Music is an integral part of a Christian worship service, and here at HSCPC we are blessed with our very talented and versatile **Minister of Music, Brandon Glick**. The music he provides on both piano and organ each Sunday morning truly enhance the peace and joy that we find in worshipping together.

Brandon and the choir would love to welcome new choir members for the winter season. The only requirement is a love of music and the ability to carry a tune. The choir practices on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30pm, and on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. See Brandon or a choir member for further information.

THE 2018 FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART IS AVAILABLE

The flowers on our communion table each week are donated by our members and friends who wish to recognize special people who have been important in their lives. The cost of each flower arrangement is \$35.00. You

can sign up for your preferred Sunday on the chart at the back of the Sanctuary. Before your selected Sunday, you will be asked how you wish the flowers to be dedicated, and also if you have any particular flower and/or color preference. You can make your payment at that time in the “flower” envelope found on the back of each pew.



If you are unable to attend church services, but would like to provide flowers on a specific date, you can contact the church office to make the arrangements.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The boxes of offering envelopes for 2018 are available on the Church Sanctuary porch. If you do not find one with your name on it, call or email Diane in the office and she will provide one for you.

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The first envelope you will find in the box is the **PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT**. Each year the Church must contribute to the Presbytery a given amount for each active member on its rolls. This amount varies with the needs of the Presbytery, synod, and General Assembly. Our church, with an official active membership as of January 1, 2017 of 87, must pay **\$2,909.55**

The **PER CAPITA** amount for HSCPC members this year (that amount to be paid by each active member) is **\$34.23**. This payment is each active member's portion of the Church's \$2,909.55 financial commitment to the Presbytery. Any **PER CAPITA** payment not made by the active member must be taken out of the Church treasury.

If you are an active member of HSCPC but are not currently attending worship services, you still are responsible for making this payment. Make your check payable to HSCPC, identify it as for “Per Capita”, and bring it or mail it to the Church.

If you are uncertain of your membership status, please contact Karen Metzger, (kmmetz@bellsouth.net)

CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Verse is preparing a series of classes for people interested in joining our Church. If you are considering becoming a member of HSCPC please contact Dr. Verse for further details. A time will be determined that is convenient for all.

DR. VERSE'S OFFICE HOURS: Dr. Verse's office hours are **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9AM until Noon**. He would love to have you drop in for a visit if you are in the area. However, if you have a special need to speak with him it would be best to call ahead to see if he is available; often meetings or pastoral visits will necessitate his being out of the office at times during his scheduled hours.

OCCASIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to teach Sunday School, please contact Karen Kienzle, (561) 379-7900, or karenkienzle@hotmail.com, or personally at church on Sunday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR PART-TIME JOB OPENING

HSCPC is looking for a Part-time Children's Ministry Director. Are you looking for a fulfilling opportunity to work with the children of our church? or, do you know someone who might be interested and qualified to fill this part-time position?. This position would be perfect for a person with a CE or educational background who wants to stay active in CE work but is unable to commit to a full-time position.

Please see the ink below (posted on the Presbytery website) for Job Posting, <http://www.tfpby.org/administration/employment/> and/or send your resume to church@hscpc.org

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 6 - Michael Byrd
January 7 - Janet Jones
January 11 - Elora Fucigna
January 13 - Catherine Hilton
January 15 - Ingrid Krumdick
January 24 - Dawn Brown

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 7 - Cam and Becky Boynton
January 16 - Jim and Mary Wiggin

(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so you can be included here for the rest of the month.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jim White
- Alex Lopez - Estrada
- Josephine Scricca
- George Mulleneix
- Judy McCloy
- Marilyn Garrabrant
- Doug Hollender
- Terry McCloy
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Bill Carlson
- Hisa Clark
- The family of Peg Layton
- John Kienzle
- Gary Shriver

- Beverly Little

You will notice that many names have been removed from the prayer list this week, consistent with our policy of leaving names on the list for a limited period of time. Please re-submit any name that you want returned to the list.

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them on. This request should be made to Diane Atkisson in the church office. Phone – 772-546-5043, email – church@hscpc.org

WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST: To request prayers through the Prayer Circle, for yourself or someone else, contact Jan Norrish, 772-486-5514, jannorrish@hotmail.com, To have a prayer request included in the Church Sunday bulletin and the MESSENGER, fill out the prayer request card found in the Church pews or contact Diane Atkisson in the church office. Phone – 772 546-5043, email - church@hscpc.org

HSCPC WEBSITE: The MESSENGER is posted on our website each week. If you want to check content from a previous week, just go to www.hscpc.org and click on the Newsletter link.

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