



January 4, 2015
2nd Sunday after Christmas
Epiphany of the Lord

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Office Hours: T, W, Th. 8:30-11:30

The People of God Gather

[* = "Please stand if able and comfortable"]

Welcoming Guests

Please sign one of the blue tablets in the pews.

Sharing Joys and Concerns as a Community in Christ:

Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship:

A time of silence to prepare our hearts and minds to encounter God.

Prelude:

"Love Came Down"

Nancy Blank

Introit:

***Doxology: #592**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 72:1-7, 8, 10-14

We begin with what is a prayer that is properly applied to all leaders of governments as a new calendar year begins.

We then move to words that prefigure what we celebrate this Tuesday as "Epiphany."

***Gospel Lesson:**

Matthew 2:1-12

(In the ancient tradition of the church, please stand if it is easy to do so for the reading of the Gospel.) Some wise men report to King Herod that they have seen a "star" – probably the movement of a planet, there is some historical support for this story – and have come to worship the one whose birth it revealed to them. They go to the house where they find Jesus and Mary and the baby, God's revealing God's self, epiphany.

***Opening Hymn: #66/151**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Ritual of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace:

Prayer of Confession:

Silent Confession:

Words of Assurance of God's Grace: (Response: "Thanks be to God.")

***Gloria Patri: #579**

(children)

The Word Is Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

New Testament/Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

The writer of an epistle (most probably a follower of, as opposed to himself, Paul) gives an indication of "epiphany," which literally is God's revealing of God's self.

The People of God Respond to the Word

*Hymn: #63/150 v. 1 & 3/ "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Maintaining and Furthering the Mission of the Church:

Offering:

Offertory: " "

*Doxology:

*Prayer of Dedication:

The Word Is Sealed by Sacrament
The Lord's Supper Is Celebrated

*Invitation:

*Passing of Christ's Peace and Joy:

P: And also with you.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Pastoral Prayer & The Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

Meditation: *Rise and Shine!*

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup:

Prayer:

The People Take the Word into the World

*Blessing and Benediction:

*Response: "This Little Light of Mine"

Postlude:

Nancy Blank

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JANUARY SCHEDULE

JANUARY NEWSLETTERS ARE AT EACH ENTRANCE. PLEASE NOTE IN THE NEWSLETTERS TO USE A SPECIAL EMAIL CREATED TO SEND ARTICLES, STORIES, PHOTOS, AND SUGGESTIONS TO LARRY & DENISE KOLLERT.

PRAYER CHAIN LIST IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. COPIES OF LIST ARE AT ENTRANCES.

We need **USHERS FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH etc.** Sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board or talk to BJ Brown-Ferguson.

**The TUESDAY morning Bible Study continues at 9:30 am in Hannah Hall.

Choir Rehearsal Wednesday evenings 6-7:30. New comers are welcome!!!

Ladies afternoon Bible Study January 7th (Lesson 7 on Luke 6.) 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1pm.

Monthly Ladies Luncheon January 9th at **THE FUDGE SHOP** at 11:30.

Men's Breakfast 1st & 3rd Wed. at 9am at Old Pueblo. Next date: Wed. Jan. 7th.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME TO 2015