

Shavertown
United Methodist Church
Epiphany of the Lord
*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!*

PRELUDE *A Time for New Beginnings* Lani Smith
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Meditation:
"They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord."
Isaiah 60:6b NRSV

CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Ellen, Liturgist
Arise, shine; for our light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

OPENING PRAYER
O God, who in the work of creation commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may shine into the hearts of all your people, dispelling the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, and revealing to them the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING CAROL *The First Noel* # 245
The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
in fields where they
lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night
that was so deep.
Noel Noel Noel Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the East, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Noel Noel Noel Noel!

Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a King was their intent,
and to follow the star
wherever it went.
Noel Noel Noel Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel Noel Noel Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there, in His presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel Noel Noel Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S (DISCIPLE'S) PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

GIFT OF MUSIC *Go Tell It On The Mountain* Arr. C. Lindberg
Piano Solo: Nancy

CALL TO OFFERING
***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, O God, for the gifts brought to you in worship. As the Holy Family accepted treasures from the Wise Men, receive our treasures to your pleasure and disposal. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV

THE MESSAGE

“What Gift Will You Bring?”

Pastor Robin

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

CAROL OF GOING FORTH

We Three Kings

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We three kings of Orient are;

bearing gifts we traverse afar,

field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,

westward leading, still proceeding,

guide us to thy perfect Light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again,

King forever, ceasing never,

over us all to reign. [Refrain]

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh:

prayer and praising, voices raising,

worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

Myrrh is mine; Its bitter perfume

breaths a life of gathering gloom;

sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,

sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

Glorious now behold Him arise;

King and God and Sacrifice:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

Go forth to worship God in all that you say, whatever you do, and wherever you go. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

How Great Our Joy!

Arr. B. Wolaver



First Weekend of January 2021

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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 2 THROUGH JANUARY 9

Please contact Pastor Robin at 570-220-1138 or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery or in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the e-mail prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownumc@susumc.org or by calling 570-675-3616.

OUR PRAYER LIST: The United Methodist Church; victims of violence; those persecuted for their faith; men & women in Law Enforcement; caregivers; those in difficult relationships; children & teens at risk; those incarcerated; those with hatred in their hearts; marriages in trouble, cancer & hurricane victims.

Concerns: our homebound friends, Kevin Kear, Peggy Evans, Jen Prutzman, Jim & Elaine Laubach, Jimmy Tighe, Randy, Allan Kinsman, Bernie, Tom Kucewicz, Bill Hottenstein, Wally Richardson, Tom and Mary Ellen Pajor, Bill Chapple, Shawn, Bernice, David Jenkins, Sandy Richardson, Judy Loeffler, Jack, Kristen Stout, Mary H, Fred Black, Heather and Husband, Jane Ketchner, Ricky, Delaine Miller, Ron & Madge Rogers, Bonnie Brader, Kyle Gurzynski, Jean Parrs, Brandi Mellott family

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson, US Air Force

LCDR John W. Gilligan, US Navy

Sgt. Scott Kocher

Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips

Todd Mark, US Army, South Korea

Col. P.J. Perrone Jr., Fort Belvoir, VA

Major Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA

Specialist Alex Barilla, US Army, Kansas

Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, Texas

Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan

2nd Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force

Elijah Geise, U.S. Marines

Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA

Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy

Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force

Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, N.C.

Gregory Navestad, US Air Force, Utah

Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves

Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdale, Wa

1st Lt. Allen Carson, 109th US Army Reserves, Phila.

Rick Hodle III, US Army

Pfc. Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves

Jackson Rogers, US Marines, Okinawa

Raphael Zbyszeski, U.S. Marine Corp., Hawaii

Welcome To Worship
We are so glad to worship with you this morning!

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Nan Boswell & Carter Thompson

LITURGIST: Weekend of January 3 - Mary Ellen Pajor

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3: Thomas Ketchner

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Beatrice Chapple by the Chapple Family

Sun. Jan. 3	Online Worship
Mon. Jan.4	Bible Study on Zoom 1-3pm
Wed. Jan. 6	Prayer Group on Zoom 9-10 am Chancel Choir Practice 7:30pm
Fri. Jan.8	Taking Down of the Greens 6pm
Sat. Jan. 9	Online Worship
Sun. Jan. 10	Confirmation Class on Zoom 4-6pm Online Worship

THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers)
Anne Jewell, 52 W Center St. Shavertown, Pa. 18708

COMING UP JANUARY 9 THROUGH JANUARY 16

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Nan Boswell & Carter Thompson

LITURGIST: Weekend of January 9 – Cathy Nicks

TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10: Chris Snell

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Sun. Jan. 10	Online Worship Confirmation Class on Zoom 4-6pm
Mon. Jan. 11	Bible Study on Zoom 1-3pm
Tues. Jan. 12	Trustee Meeting 7pm
Wed. Jan. 13	Prayer Group on Zoom 9-10 am Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice 7:30pm
Sat. Jan. 16	Online Worship

Faithfulness in Online Worship Attendance: 114

December 26/27: \$10,000

Financial Goal: \$6,822

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC

COMMUNITY CARE CABINET Donations continue to be accepted throughout the year. A container is in the Narthex for donations. The Community Care Cabinet is open for clients here at SUMC every Friday from 10:00 to 10:30am. For more information contact Sue Holdredge at sue.holdredge1@gmail.com

JANUARY COMMUNION We will be celebrating Holy Communion on the first weekend in January. Please make sure you have juice and bread available in advance of the service. If you so desire, you may stop by the church and we'll give you the portable Communion elements for your use.

LITURGISTS: Anyone who wishes to sign up as liturgists for 2021, please contact the office.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Anyone who wishes to purchase altar flowers in honor of a loved one, please contact the church office at 570-675-3616.