

## Those for Whom We Pray

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St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

Messiah, Bedford – 10:30 a.m.

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We're glad to have you worship with us today.

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**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

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## **Prelude**

**+Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:**

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**+Opening Hymn:**

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**+Hymn of Praise** pages 99-100

**+Prayer of the Day:**

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6**

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 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. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 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.

5 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. 6 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.

**PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,  
**and your righteousness to a king's son.**
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness,  
**and your poor with justice.**
- 3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
**and the hills, in righteousness.**
- 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
**give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 May he live while the sun endures,  
**and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**
- 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
**like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,  
**until the moon is no more.**
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,  
**may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**
- 11 May all kings fall down before him,  
**all nations give him service.**
- 12 For he delivers the needy when they call,  
**the poor and those who have no helper.**
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
**and saves the lives of the needy.**
- 14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
**and precious is their blood in his sight.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12**

1 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— 2 for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, 3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, 4 a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 5 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: 6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 7 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. 8 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, 9 and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 10 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. 11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**+Gospel Acclamation:** page 102

## **+GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 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." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6 "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.'" 7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 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." 9 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. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 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.

12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

### **+Hymn of the Day**

**+Nicene Creed** page 104

### **+Prayers:**

A Let us pray for the church, the planet that is our common home, communities near and far, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A You are the water that washes us into the communion of faith. Shower us anew with a sense of belonging and revive our commitment to the visible unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A You are the water that replenishes the earth. Help us see our place in the river of life, and inspire us to seek ways to cool warming tundra and warm cooling tropics. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A You are water that touches near and distant shores. Bring an end to conflict among the rulers of this earth carried out on land and sea, and provide just and equitable access to water among all people. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C Hear our prayer.**

A You are water that refreshes parched bodies, minds, and spirits. Accompany refugees fleeing their homes by boat and by foot, heal those whose bodies are weak or fragile, and be near to those whose breath of life is fading. We pray especially for.... Lord, in your mercy,  
**C Hear our prayer.**

A You are water that flows from countless streams into rivers, lakes, and oceans. Give us vision to see and proclaim in our great diversity the singleness of humanity created in your likeness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

A You are water that enlivens dry bones. Keep us in communion with all the saints who gather at the great and shining river, until at last we see you face-to-face. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C Hear our prayer.**

P Tribes and nations bow down before you, O God. Hear our prayers and praise, and raise us up to be you living body, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**C Amen**

**+Peace: page 106**

## **OFFERING**

**+Offertory: hymn #182** (Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord)

**+Offertory Prayer** page 107

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**+Lord's Prayer:** page 112

## **Communion**

**+Post Communion Canticle:**

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## **Announcements and Blessings**

**+Sending Hymn**

**+Dismissal:** page 115

## **Postlude**

+Please stand as you are able

## Announcements:

January 14<sup>th</sup> - 1 Samuel 3:1-20, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18,  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

Worship with Holy Communion Schedule: Sundays at  
St. Peter's at 9:00am, at Messiah at 10:30am. Sunday  
School classes meet at Messiah at 9:00am and at St.  
Peter's at 10:15am. If you want Communion contact  
Pastor Donna.

- 40,000 can challenge Synod current total 1,956
- Messiah's Congregational Meeting & Dinner  
January 21<sup>st</sup> after church.
- Happy Birthday to Dennis Baldinger, Jeanne  
Bence, Burton Monsour, Bill Baumgardner Jr,  
Andrea Boyce, Michael Duffy, Guy Mellott,  
Gary Morgart and Thelma Morgart.
- Happy Anniversary to Carl & Sue Weyant.

Corn hole signup sheets are in back of churches. It will  
be held on Thursdays at 6:30, and exercise will be  
Mon. & Wed. at 6:30. Starting 2018, a \$1 donation is  
requested when attending either.

## December Financial Statement

Income \$3,354

Expenses \$3,314

Year-to-date under budget \$9,221

December coins & match \$141.34

## Monthly Schedule

Every Tuesday "Quiet Hour" service of Holy Communion will  
be celebrated in the sanctuary of St. Peter's at approximately  
3:45 p.m. Contact Pastor Donna if you want Communion that  
afternoon 276-3036.

Outreach Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

St. Peter's WELCA meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
after the service

Parish Council meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 7:00  
(odd months only 3,5,7...)

St. Peter's Council meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6:00

Messiah Council Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6:00

Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 1-2:30 at St. Peter's

Exercise Group Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30 at St. Peter's

Corn Hole Tournaments Thursdays, 6:30 at St. Peter's

Comforting Friends – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 at Trinity Reformed  
Church, Osterburg

Messiah WELCA – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday