

**Morning Worship**  
**January 4, 2009**  
**Second Sunday after Christmas**

**Coming Together in Christ**

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*In Quiet Joy*

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**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come.

**People: We come bringing gifts in praise of the newborn Prince of Peace.**

Leader: But where might we find this wonderful child—so that we might pay homage to him?

**People: He is everywhere—in our hearts, minds, souls. He is in the people we meet.**

Leader: Let us spread the light of Jesus Christ as we worship together.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #28

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

"In Dulci Jubilo"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

**Merciful and ever-loving God, we profess our love for you—our desire to follow you and to live in the light of your dear son Jesus Christ. Yet we do not do so in our everyday actions. On this Epiphany Sunday we seem unable to bring the gift of ourselves to the stable. We continue to succumb to what the material world offers. We want to love you, but we have trouble showing that love to others—even to those in our own families. Come to us, God; help us to gather our resources and come to you—that our hearts might be radiant and filled with the joy that loving you brings.**

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#574, The Hymnal

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

\* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#579, The Hymnal

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION #326

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*  
"Morecambe"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Isaiah 60:1-6

pew Bible p. 649

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Matthew 2:1-12

pew Bible pp. 1-2

THE SOLO

Patrick Terry, piano

THE SERMON

"The Wisdom of Camels

Rev. John Dillon

## Our Response to God's Love

\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David," the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.**

**We acknowledge and confess that this wonderful union between the Godhead and the humanity in Christ Jesus did arise from the eternal and immutable decree of God from which all our salvation springs and depends.**

**That same eternal God and Father, who by grace alone chose us in his Son Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world was laid, appointed him to be our head, our brother, our pastor, and the great bishop of our souls.**

—Chapter 3, 3:06-3:08, Scots Confession (1560)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Please partake of the communion elements as you receive them.)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those**



## What's Happening This Week:



### **SUNDAY, JANUARY (4)**

9:30 AM Epiphany Celebration in the Fellowship Hall  
10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library  
11:00 AM Worship Service, Second Sunday after Christmas  
Communion, Cents-Ability Collected,  
On the Air WCBC

### **MONDAY, JANUARY (5)**

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School  
10:00 AM Pastor's Book Study  
4:30 PM Finance & Administration Committee Mtg.  
5:30 PM Congregational Care Committee Mtg.

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY (6)**

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School  
5:30 PM Pee Wee Teams Basketball Practice

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (7)**

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School  
6:00 PM Middler Team Basketball Practice  
7:00 PM Seniors Team II Basketball Practice  
8:00 PM Seniors Team I Basketball Practice

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY (8)**

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School  
7:00 PM Session Meeting

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY (9)**

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY (11)**

9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library  
11:00 AM Worship Service, Baptism of the Lord Sunday,  
On the Air WCBC