

**Hymn Notes:**

So tomorrow we come to the end of the Christmas season as we celebrate Epiphany of the Lord (January 6). Epiphany is a fixed date, like Christmas, and occurs after 'the twelve days of Christmas'—made famous in our time by the longer than desired carol of the same name. Today the music includes carols and hymns about the Wise men and the light of the Star which is one focus of Epiphany.

William Dix (1837-1898), composer of "As with Gladness Men of Old" (150), did not intend for the hymn to end with the fourth stanza. He wrote a fifth stanza celebrating the unhidden glory of Christ longed for in the final phrase of stanza four: "...where no clouds thy glory hide."

*In the heavenly country bright need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun that goes not down;  
There for ever may we sing Alleluias to our King.*

First published in a trial edition of the incredibly successful *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1859)—over 100 million copies have been sold in various editions—this has become one of the most famous hymns for Epiphany. It is based on the Gospel lesson from Matthew 2:1-12 and tells of the visit of the Magi.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, January 5:** Jeff Faulkner, Elizabeth Turner
- Monday, January 6:** Bob Holleman, Spencer Briggs
- Tuesday, January 7:** Kristen Faulkner
- Wednesday, January 8:** Pat Speer, Joe Cernansky
- Thursday, January 9:** Susan Gajentan, Cody Carson, Steven Cole
- Friday, January 10:** Patrick Turner, Riley Nigels
- Saturday, January 11:** Elaine Findley, Shannon Dipolito, Andrew Carlstedt



*If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by*



**Friends of Northwood**



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**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Anna & Dan Hyden
- (11:00) Nancy Marshall & Dee Rivers



**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Barbara Moler & Suzanne Hamilton
- Tim Beaver & Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein

**VAN DRIVER:** Curtis Krueger

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**8:15 & 11:00 AM**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** (19/20 School Year)  
Children remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

**9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Room 3**  
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

**2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Room 8**  
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8.

**11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be starting our new series, *Amplify*.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 A.M. TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11**

TCI is an adult class that provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from experiences and perspectives. Today, Fred Heider will lead a session based on the Wired Word, exploring the concept *What Has God Promised Us?* Next week, Garry Justice will continue his series on the Ten Commandments, exploring "Honor thy Father and Mother."

**11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15**, led by Vicki Krueger

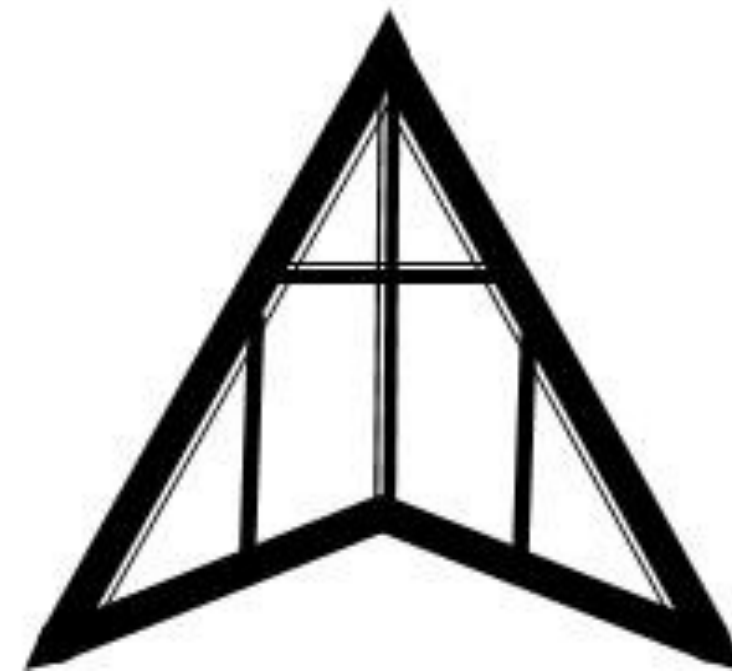
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

**11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study** This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God's message of hope and reconciliation to God's people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies— Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah* by Bruce Epperly. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

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*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**January 5, 2020**



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Order for the Public Worship of God  
January 5, 2020  
2nd Sunday of Christmas  
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.  
Please silence electronic devices.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Come, let us close the doors to our past that we might enter fully into God's new day.

People: **We pause in the midst of time to ponder the vast reaches of eternity.**

Leader: For everything there is a season: a time to mourn and weep, a time to dance and laugh.

People: **God has made everything beautiful; how wonderful, beyond our knowing, are all God's works!**

Leader: How majestic is God's name in all the earth! Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

arr. Raymond H. Haan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

\*HYMN #150 "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Eternal God: you make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we can't forget. We confess we have spent time without loving, and years without purpose; and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong, and failed to do what you demand. Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GREATOREX

**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.**

\*APOSTLES' CREED *(Together)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SOLO

"Star of the East"  
James G. Howes, Soloist

Amanda Kennedy

OUR MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

*(Children ages 3yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children's Church.)*

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" arr. Paul Manz

\*DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-10 NRSV *(page 783)*

SERMON

"Where Does the Star Lead?"  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

\*HYMN #517

"Here, O Lord, We See You"  
*(stanzas 1,2,3)*

MORECAMBE

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Together)*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)*

MUSIC DURING THE SERVING

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

David Cherwien

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #136

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

\*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING  
*(please be seated)*

"Love Has Come"  
James G. Howes, Soloist

Ken Bible/French Carol

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"

arr. Keith Chapman

*(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)*

\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

# IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

**COUNTDOWN**

**WELCOME**

**PRAISE SONGS**

"Old Church Choir"

**MEET AND GREET**

"My Feet Are on the Rock"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIDEO**

"The Fourth Wise Man"

"The Little Drummer Boy" (Peace on Earth)  
Larry, Jeanne & Jeremy Stephen

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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Amen.*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

"King of Kings"

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 2:1-10

**MESSAGE**

"Where Does the Star Lead?"  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

"Love Came Down at Christmas"  
Robert W. Thygerson

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"We Believe"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**