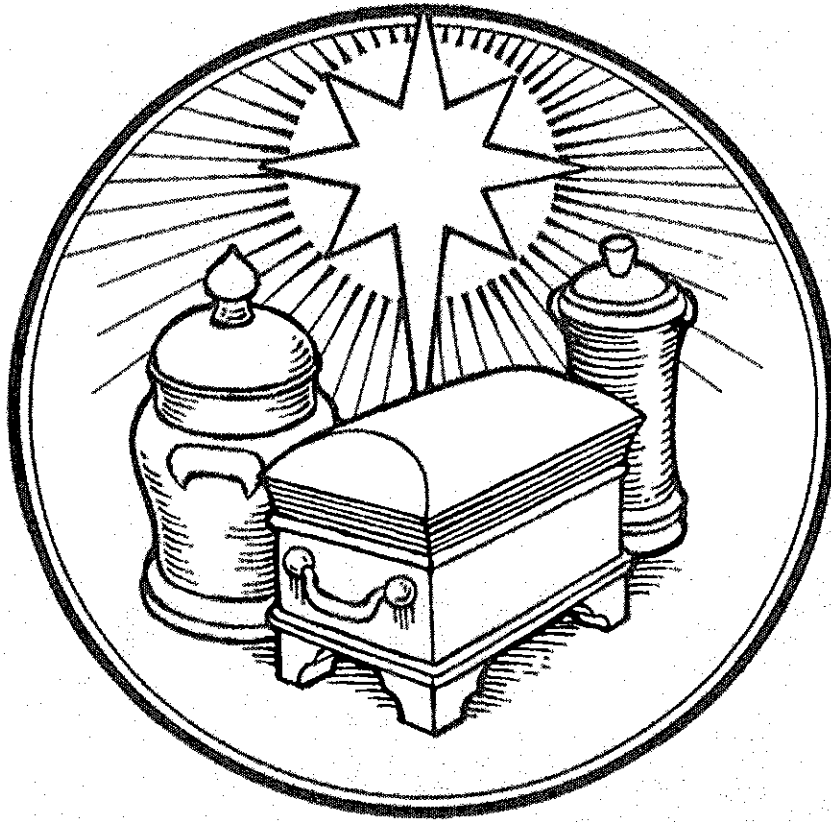


**Feast of Epiphany Transferred**  
Divine Service Setting 3

**January 3rd**  
8:00a.m., 10:30a.m.



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**2021 Theme: Back to the Basics**

### **The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son**

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas; and yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the Incarnation of our Lord—that is, on God becoming flesh—the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth—not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word, to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Expectant Mother** + Dawn Gaunt **Health Issues** + Maxine Weseman + Lisa Novak + Kay Krueger + Jeanne Buck + Marvin Hesterman + Dee Janssen + Viola Melvin + Linda Parsons **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

**Birthdays** 1/04 Ron Fullerton 1/05 Keegan Morgan 1/06 Arlene Carlson, Ethan Hoins, Wayne Archer, Lisa Carllson 1/07 Mark Thurin 1/09 Elik O’Shea, Annette Steiner **Wedding Anniversaries** 1/07 Jim & Kathy Stutesman 1/09 Rick & Sonya Latta

**Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 3:13-17**

### **What to listen for during the service?**

Listen to the Hymn of the Day today, “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright.” Who is the “Morning Star”? What other names for this “Morning Star” are given in the hymn?

**“The People That in Darkness Sat”**

LSB 412

- 1 The people that in darkness sat  
A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
- 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
The gath’ring nations come;  
They joy as when the reapers bear  
Their harvest treasures home, Their harvest treasures home.
- 3 To us a Child of hope is born,  
To us a Son is giv’n,  
And on His shoulder ever rests  
All pow’r in earth and heav’n, All pow’r in earth and heav’n.
- 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The God by all adored, The God by all adored.
- 5 His righteous government and pow’r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
- 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.

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**✧ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✧**

*The sign of the cross (✧) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✧ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✧ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**✧ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✧**

**INTROIT**

*(Ps. 72:1-2, 10-11; antiphon: Liturgical text)*



L: Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*

and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

**C: Give the king your justice, | O God,\***

**and your righteousness to the | royal son!**

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render**

**him | tribute;\***

**may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!**

**GLORIA PATRI**

**C: 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.**

**KYRIE**

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

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee,  
for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world,**

**receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*(Is. 60:6b, 1)*

C: **Those from She- | ba shall come.\***

**They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall  
bring good news, the praises | of the LORD.**

**Arise, shine, for your | light has come,\***

**and the glory of the LORD has risen up- | on you.**

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 3:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

*(Matt. 2:2b)*

**C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

L: We saw his star | when it rose\*  
and have come to | worship him.

**C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the second chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*(Please sit)*

**NICENE CREED**

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"**

*LSB 395*

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only! Lowly, holy!  
Great and glorious, All victorious,  
Rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine;  
There light a flame undying!  
In Your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree,  
Your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily  
Earth's deep sadness May perplex us  
And distress us, Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

- 3 Lord, when You look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
You are our dearest treasure! Let Your mercy warm and cheer  
us! O draw near us! For You teach us  
God's own love through You has reached us.
- 4 Almighty Father, in Your Son  
You loved us when not yet begun  
Was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above: This is Your great salvation.  
Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving  
Life forever, Keeps us Yours and fails us never!
- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation! Exultation!  
Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning For the day of Your returning!

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### SERMON

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

### OFFERTORY

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*(Please sit as the altar is prepared for Holy Communion)*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please stand)*

#### ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary....., evermore praising You  
and saying:

### SANCTUS

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C: . . . For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

C: **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;**

**have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;**

**grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**

*LSB 636*

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I nevermore will leave You.

- 3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
 Let me gladly here obey You.  
 By Your love I am invited,  
 Be Your love with love requited;  
 By this Supper let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
 Through the gift of grace You give me  
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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**“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”**

*LSB 399*

- 1 The star proclaims the King is here;  
 But, Herod, why this senseless fear?  
 For He who offers heav'nly birth  
 Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
- 2 The eastern sages saw from far  
 And followed on His guiding star;  
 And, led by light, to light they trod  
 And by their gifts confessed their God.
- 3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood  
 The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood  
 That He, of whom no sin was known,  
 Might cleanse His people from their own.
- 4 And oh, what miracle divine,  
 When water reddened into wine!  
 He spoke the word, and forth it flowed  
 In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.
- ▲ 5 For this Thy glad epiphany  
 All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,  
 Whom with the Father we adore,  
 And Holy Spirit evermore.

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*After all have communed*

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
 and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
 Depart in ✠ peace.  
**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand )*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

- C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
 according to Thy word,  
 for mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
 a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory  
 of Thy people Israel. 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.**

**THANKSGIVING**

- P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.  
**C: and His mercy endureth forever.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- P: Let us pray.  
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness,  
 who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the  
 flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us  
 pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to  
 forsake Your Children but always to rule our hearts and minds  
 by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to  
 serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who  
 lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
 and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

- P: The Lord be with you.  
**C: And with thy spirit.**  
 P: Bless we the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face  
 shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his  
 countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C: Amen, amen, amen.**

**“As with Gladness Men of Old”**

LSB 397

- 1 As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led by Thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown  
Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**P:** Go in peace.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**

*In order to assist with social distancing an usher will dismiss by rows. Please take your bulletin with you or throw it away (no return bulletins).*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Leadership Planning Meeting 6:00 p.m.** Tuesday, January 5th.

**Installation of Officers 8:00a.m.** Sunday, January 10th

**All Boards and Committees** meet January 12th, 2021 with the bible study at 7:00p.m.

**Elders' Retreat January 16th @ 8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.**

**Wednesday Night Bible Class** will not meet in January!  
Newsletter (back page) calendar reads incorrectly. Thanks!

**Sunday School Lessons for Students** We encourage parents and their children (students) to continue with Sunday School lessons. Packets of lessons will be sent home. You can access a family discussion with a video presentation in Peace's Facebook Group.

**9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Prayer Service** (live stream) and at 9:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.

**Unable To Attend Church** our worship is made available live stream on Sundays at 8 am on our website, or on demand see also our You Tube Channel. Also available via the public access channel (Spectrum 181) at 8 am on Sundays and 2:30 pm on Tuesdays .

**Portals of Prayer Jan.–Mar. 2021 & Higher Things Devotions** available in the Narthex, copies December 24 - January 23, 2021.

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