

The Lord's Day

Epiphany Sunday
January 8, 2012 — 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Please turn off all communication devices
and refrain from bringing beverages into the sanctuary. Thank you.

We encourage you to arrive five to ten minutes before the worship service begins in order to hear reports and announcements as well as to have time to quiet your heart before worship begins. **You may want to converse with God in prayer and read the Scripture texts and hymn texts in the order of service to prepare your hearts and minds to worship the living God.**

Epiphany

Our word *epiphany* comes from a Greek word meaning “manifestation or appearance,” and in church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi who followed the star to find him. Epiphany has been observed throughout much of the Western church as occurring on **January 6**, but because most churches do not mark Epiphany with a midweek service, the celebration of this special day is often associated with the nearest Sunday.

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+ **Prelude** David Friberg, organist

+ **Welcome and greetings** Aaron Messner, Covenant College Chaplain

Invocation

Call to worship Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

+* **Hymn of praise** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
once revealed, when heaven's star brought the wise men from afar:
Branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem,
Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

God revealed in valiant fight, conquering the devil's might,
sins forgiven, sickness healed, life restored and God revealed:
once revealed in gracious will ever bringing good from ill,
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Stars shall fall and heavens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;
Christ will then like lightning shine, all will see the glorious sign:
all will then the trumpet hear, all will see the Son appear,
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* Litany for Epiphany

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Alleluia!

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!

O Christ, let your Gospel shine in every place
where the Word of life is not yet received.

**Draw the whole creation to yourself
that your salvation may be known through all the earth.**

O Christ, light made manifest as the true light of God,
gladden our hearts on the joyful morning of your glory;
call us by our names on the great Day of your coming;

**and give us grace to offer, with all the hosts of heaven,
unending praise to God in whom all things find their ending,
now and forever. Amen.**

+* **Hymn of petition** DIX

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 your splendor see.

Holy Jesus, every 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.

Call to confession and silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace Jude vv. 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his
glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior
be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all
ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Prayers of intercession 11:00

Worship in giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory “The Three Kings” Cornelius

Darrin Hasevoort, soloist

*(The chorale tune accompanying this text is the familiar
“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star.”)*

Three kings have travelled from lands afar to Jordan, led by the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travelers three, where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray: the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King, gold, incense, myrrh their offering.

O child of man, lo, to Bethlehem the kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace, will shine on the way to his resting place,
and though no gift you bear for the King, give him your heart as offering!
Give him your heart!

+* Doxology 731

OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayers of dedication and thanksgiving

Reception of new members 9:30

* **Gospel lesson from Matthew 10:11-16** (p. 1511 in pew Bible)
Dan Vermeer (9:30) Jim Landrum (11:00), readers

Sermon “Commissioning Kingdom Laborers”
Joseph V. Novenson, senior teaching pastor

* **Hymn of thanksgiving** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” FESTAL SONG

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

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* Benediction

* **Congregational response** “Threefold Amen” DANISH

* **Postlude** David Friberg, organist

+ Later arrivals may enter the sanctuary

* Congregation standing

IN MEMORIAM
Dorris Chapin Wells
December 2, 1929—January 6, 2012

Join us in welcoming new members, Megan and Steffan Nunn, taking their
membership vows at the 9:30 a.m. service today.

Missions prayer in the chapel – 6:00 p.m.

**Joe Novenson and Ted Hope
will report on their recent trip to Belarus.**

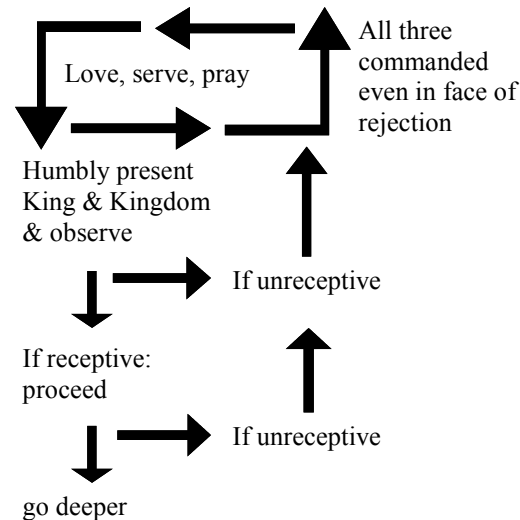
The congregation will pray for our missionaries
who have sent specific prayer requests.

(Nursery provided for children four and under.)

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Sunday, January 8

- Sanctuary worship 8:10, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
- Fellowship hall worship, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
- Fellowship time, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.
- Youth communicants' class, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday school, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
- LMPC Inc. meeting, 12:15 p.m.
- Officers' training class, level 1, 4:00 p.m.
- Evening prayer, 6:00 p.m.
- Youth ensemble, 6:00 p.m.
- Sr. high youth group, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, January 9

- Ladies' prayer band, 8:45 a.m.
- Executive committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10

- Men's study on Romans, 6:20 a.m.
- Mother's Day Out, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 11

- Dead Theologians' at Parkridge Diagnostic, 6:30 a.m.
- Sr. high Bible and breakfast, 7:30 a.m.
- Fellowship dinner, 5:45 p.m.
- Prayer meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Jr. high youth group, 6:10 p.m.
- Wednesday clubs for children, 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel choir, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 12

- Men's Bible study and breakfast, 6:30 a.m.
- Mother's Day Out, 9:00 a.m.
- Prayer and Bible Hour, 10:15 p.m.
- VIP service project for Haiti, 10:30 a.m.
- Knitwits, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, January 13

- Men's breakfast and prayer, 7:30 a.m.

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Our Vision

Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and throughout the world.

Our Mission

For the glory of our triune God, by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and through the work of the Holy Spirit, Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church seeks to be a community of believers who:

- are responding to God's grace and glory in worship and wonder,
- are being transformed in their relationships with God and one another through large and small groups, and
- are participating in a Kingdom-building movement to change the world.

* **Hymn of response**

“Jesus I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,
foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav'n's eternal days before me, God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close my earthly mission, swift shall pass my pilgrim days,
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

* **Benediction**

Postlude

This week's musicians:

Calvin Gariott-piano

David Griffis-cello

Megan Wingard-vocalist

David Henry-guitar

Matthew 10:11-16

¹¹ “Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave. ¹² As you enter the home, give it your greeting. ¹³ If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. ¹⁵ I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. ¹⁶ I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.”

WELCOME TO LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 8, 2012

Welcome and greetings

* **Call to worship**

Psalm 100:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Leader: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

* **Hymn of praise**

“For The Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Refrain

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Refrain

* **Prayer of adoration**

Scriptural affirmation (9:30)

taken from Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

People: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

(cont.)

Leader: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

People: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Call to confession

Psalm 51:1-5

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Hymn of confession

“God Be Merciful to Me”

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace, and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Hebrews 10:10b-14

Leader: We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

People: Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Leader: But when this Priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

People: Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“Here is Love”

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving kindness as a flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Here is love, Lord we remember. From our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Here is love like mighty rivers poured unceasing from above.
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

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Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory Hymn

“Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee where 'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

*** Scripture reading from Matthew 10:11-16**

Jeanie Dassow 9:30

Ross Ballenger 11:00

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

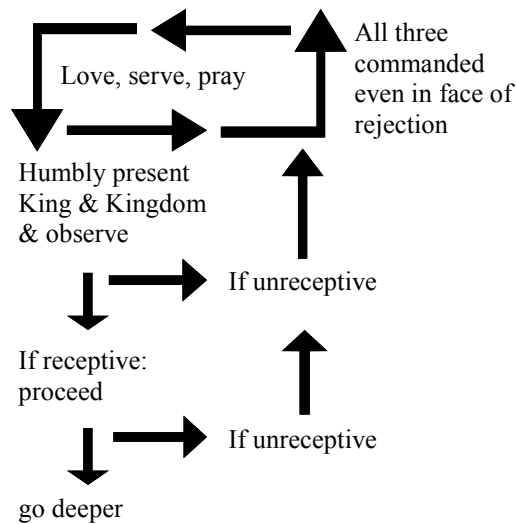
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Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

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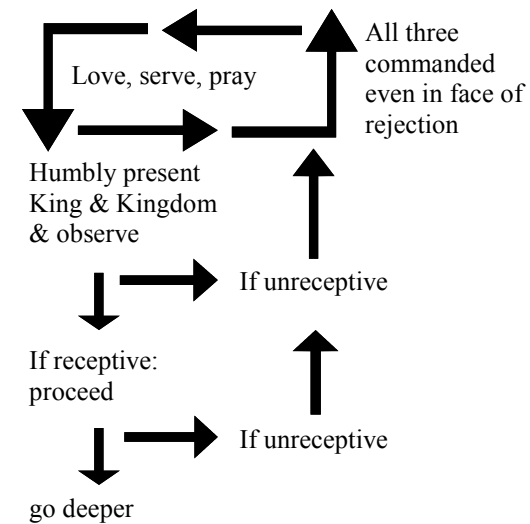


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