

# An Order of Worship

*Celebrating Epiphany*

January 1, 2017 — 10:00 am

## Gathering

Words of Welcome

Epiphany Reading

Prelude "New Year's Chimes" Thurman

\*Call to Worship

We are the people of God,

**Marked by water,**

Claimed by the Spirit,

**Precious and honored in God's sight.**

We are the body of Christ,

**Gathered around the table,**

Fed by the Bread of Life,

**Filled with the cup of joy,**

Strengthened for the new year.

**We are the community of faith,**

Following God's star,

**Bringing our gifts,**

Seeing the Holy in the ordinary,

**And being made new as we travel new roads.**

\*Hymn 68 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

Confession of Sin

The psalmist reminds us, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever." With this knowledge, we may confess our sins before God and one another with confidence.

**Merciful God, we go about our days failing to proclaim your saving power with our voices or with our actions. We do not live as ones saved, but rather as people filled with fear and doubt. We often choose what is expedient, not what is right.**

We close our eyes and ears to those who are in need, and close our hearts to those we claim to love. We are quick to hurt others, and slow to right our wrongs. Forgive us, O God, for all the ways we have not lived into our relationship with you. Amen.

Hymn 67 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"  
(vs. 1 & 2)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, "God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us."

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 67 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"  
(vs. 3 & 4)

## The Word

Psalm of the Day Psalm 72:1-7 (page 1234)

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 (page 1234)

Epistle Reading Ephesians 3:1-12 (page 1234)

Growing Young Disciples

\*Hymn 327 "O Word of God Incarnate"

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 (page 1234)

Prayer of Illumination

Meditation "Light for the World"

## The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

\*Song 2269

"Come, Share the Lord"  
Sing the Faith Songbook

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing the Bread & the Cup

Communion of God's People

*As you come forward for the Sacrament,  
the basket is available to offer your gifts to God.*

\*Prayer After Communion

## Sending

\*Hymn 63 "As with Gladness Men of Old"  
(vs. 1 & 4)

\*Benediction

\*Prelude "Go Tell It on the Mountain" arr. Lau

\* Those who are able, please stand

The congregation responds with the **bold print** in the liturgy

Following worship you are invited to a time of fellowship held in the church parlor off the sanctuary

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Rev. Miriam Mauritzen—Community Pastor

*Called by Christ to joyfully serve and expand the Kingdom of God*

## What's Happening this Week

### Sunday, January 1 ~ Celebration of Epiphany

- 10:00 am Worship Celebration
- 11:00 am Fellowship and Coffee Hour

### Monday, January 2 ~ Office Closed

### Tuesday, January 3

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, January 4

- 9:30 am Educational Ministry Team
- 10:30 am Personnel Ministry Team
- 12:00 pm Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Resource Ministry Team
- 3:00 pm Curtis Peterson's Memorial Service
- 4:00 pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, January 5

- 12:00 pm Alanon
- 4:00 pm Skate Team (Warehouse)

### Friday, January 6

- 5:00 pm Serious JuJu (Warehouse)

### Saturday, January 7

- 8:30 am Men's Group at Scotty's
- 10:00 am Quilting Group
- 10:45 am PEO

### Sunday, January 8

- 10:00 am Worship Celebration—The Baptism of Jesus
- 11:00 am Fellowship and Coffee Hour
- 11:30 pm Williwaw Covenant Group



Thank you for your giving to the ministry of God's church!



## Presbyterian Men

Saturday

January 7th ~ 8:30 am

Scotty's

Our guest speaker will be Franz Inglefinger of the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. We will learn much about the work they do on the rivers and creeks to improve water quality. We hope to see you there and as always, invite a friend or two.

Dear Friends,

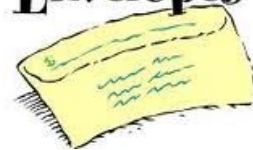
Two weeks ago—out with the old, in the new... knee, that is. I'm thankful the Lord didn't design us with more than two knees and two shoulders!



Thanks to the good medical care and a loving husband, family, and caring friends like you, I'm on the road to full recovery (if I don't get too ambitious). Thank you for the prayers, calls and cards.

Shalom, *Shirley Rorvik*

## Offering Envelopes



The office is producing 2017 giving envelopes in-house. If you would like a set of envelopes, please let the office know if you would like weekly or monthly ones.

**Williwaw Covenant Group** will meet Sunday, January 8th in the Fireside Room after coffee hour. It is always great getting together, we hope you can come.



## Welcome to Worship

First Presbyterian Church

Kalispell, Montana

January 1, 2017

Later

Later

after the angels,  
after the stable,  
after the Child,  
they went back . . .  
as we always must,  
back to the world that doesn't understand  
our talk of angels and stars  
and especially not the Child.  
We go back complaining that it doesn't last.  
They went back singing praise to God!  
We do have to go back,  
but we can still sing the alleluias!

Ann Weems

### In Loving Memory . . .

*Lynn Dukelow* passed away on December 15th and her memorial service will be held later this Spring.

*Curtis Peterson* passed away on December 22nd and his memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 4th at 3:00 p.m. here at church.