

January 5, 2025

Epiphany



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Led by Joy

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We Gather

Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Storer Memorial Carillon

Prelude

God's Love Shine on You, arr. Geoffrey Edwards

Dr. Sally Kang, organ

***Processional Hymn**

The First Noel

Hymn #245

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Darkness is banished.

All: God's light has come to us.

Leader: The brightness of the Star leads us.

All: We come to celebrate God's abiding love.

Leader: Glory be to God in the Highest!

All: And on earth, peace forever.

***Welcome & Greeting**

***Passing of the Peace**

We Proclaim

Children's Moment

Children are invited forward for a lesson with Pastor Teri. After the children's moment, they will return to their parents.

Anthem

Walk in the Light, by André Thomas

Sanctuary Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Connie Crabtree

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

*Indicates congregation to stand in body or spirit.

Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Wesley Covenant Prayer - Unison

"I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

WE RESPOND

Call to the Giving Life

Offertory

Be Still, by Ashley Grote

Jenny Donnelly, organ

***Doxology**

Hymn #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayer Concerns & Community Life

Prayer concerns and celebrations may be submitted to info@munciehighstreet.com; they will be prayed for by the prayer team and staff.

Call to Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, we celebrate the courage of kings who left their homelands and their own people to follow a star; we marvel at their quest to honor a child whose power was announced in the heavens above. We would do anything to be part of their story – as long as it requires little effort or sacrifice on our part. Forgive our feet of clay, O God. Open our shut-up hearts to the mystery made known in Christ, that others may behold in us the blessings to be found in journeys worth taking. Amen.

Brief Time of Silence

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ...

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #895

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 trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of Bread & Cup

Communion

Prayer after Communion

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

*Closing Hymn

We Three Kings, (vv. 1-2, and 5)

Hymn #254

*Dismissal with Blessing

Choral Benediction

Postlude

Shine, Jesus, Shine, by David Blackwell

Jenny Donnelly, organ

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Church Announcements

Announcements – Announcements may be submitted only at bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet. They are to be submitted by noon on Wednesday before Sunday service.

Giving Envelopes: 2025 Giving Envelopes are available in the church office.

Movie Night -Join us on January 17, at 6:00 pm in Parish Hall for Family Movie Night. Suggested donations of \$5/person, no more than \$20/family. The movie this month is ICE AGE.

Wafflepalooza and Resolve to Get Involved - Join us on January 26 in Parish Hall following the 10:00 am service.

New Member Class - We would like to gauge interest for a class, which would likely be held on a Saturday in late January or February. Please let Pastor Teri know if you are interested.

There are many ways to respond to God's love through giving –

- In-person, by placing offerings in plates as ushers come through
- Text 765/222-5007
- Online: highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online (or scan the QR code below)
- Set up an automatic bank withdrawal through Diana (Church office)
- Drop off in person during church office hours.

Youth & Children's Announcements

Project 219 Student Ministries -Happy New Year! See you on January 12th.

SNAPSHOT for Giving/Missions

Last's week Church Giving // Budgeted	\$4,757.000/ \$7,981.00
December Giving Total // Budgeted:	\$48,091.40/\$35,584.00
Income for December // December Expenses:	\$49,342.92// \$32,755.01
Inc. YTD 2024 // Exp. YTD 2024:	\$484,661.39// \$489,382.08
2025 Giving paid in 2024 Totals:	\$19,756.94
Total Mission Samaritan:	\$40.00
Total Mission Pantry:	\$2,192.35
Bishop's Christmas Offering:	555.00
Attendance for December 29, 2024:	
In-person worship:	101
Social Media views online:	85
Grand Total for Worship	218



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Sunday Schedule

Coffee Bar	8:30 - 11:30 am
Bethany Class (Adult Sunday School)	8:45 am
Children's Sunday School	9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:00 am
It's All About Jesus (Adult Sunday School)	11:15 am
Project 219 Student Ministries	4:30 - 6 pm

Food Pantry Needs

Rice #1 bags
Peanut Butter
Beans 16 oz - black/red/kidney
Soup - Chicken noodle, tomato or vegetable
Diced tomatoes 16 oz
Vegetables canned 16 oz

