

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Epiphany of Our Lord

January 3, 2016

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:15 A.M.

PRELUDE “In Thee Is Gladness” J. Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

All: The glory of the Lord bathes us in the brightness of the dawn.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

All: Our hearts rejoice in the glory of God’s Son, who defends the poor, and delivers the needy.

Leader: Christ is like rain that falls on mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

All: Let us bring him sweet smelling gifts and pearls from the sea. Let us offer him hearts full of praise.

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

All: The glory of the Lord shines upon us.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “The First Noel” #245 UMH

OPENING PRAYER

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible OT #751

***THE GOSPEL READING** Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible NT #2

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

SERMON "Epiphany of Our Lord"

HYMN "We Three Kings" #254 UMH

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.
Please audibly name those for whom you are interceding.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "What Star Is This" Dale Grotenhuis

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "There's a Star in the East" Karl Osterland

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord Jesus Christ, your goodness to us is beyond the reaches of our imagination, a fullness of love that embraces all of life. From you we have received grace upon grace. Accept our offering for the sake of the world. All that we have is yours, and all we return to you is but a reflection of your love for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN "There's A Song in the Air" #249 UMH
(verses 1,3,4)

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II #12, UMH
Ours is an open Communion Table and all who believe are welcomed to partake. We serve unfermented grape juice that all may participate

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in baptism you adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chose us as inheritors of your kingdom. We thank you that in this Holy Mystery you renew your promises within us. Empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** “We Would See Jesus” #256 UMH
(verses 1,2,5)
CHORAL BENEDICTION “A New Year Blessing” Tedd Didden
Following the blessing be seated as the candles are extinguished

POSTLUDE “Brightest and Best” John M. Rasley

***Congregation stands as able**

WELCOME TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Vision is to be the church that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through our ministry, creative services, discipleship, and outreach.

**“Our Mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ
& share God’s love with others.”**

If you are visiting with us for the first time we thank you for worshipping with us and pray that this was a spiritually uplifting experience that will make a difference in the week to come.



In Honor of: Our New Members’ Class: Victoria Adjekpiyede,
Nina Gajewski, Jessie Mallory and Audrey Royster,

Given by: Pastor Carlotta

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Anne Taylor
Scripture Reader: Ed Schulz
Organist: Tedd Didden

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK: 28 - Please sign in each Sunday.

OFFERING FOR LAST WEEK:

Envelope (General)	\$1,045.00
Plate	3.00
Christmas Offering	45.00
Miscellaneous	<u>460.00</u>
Total	\$1,553.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ed Miller, Paradise Manor, 206 East Lincoln Avenue, Hatfield, PA 19440

Thelma Smee, Cokesbury Village, Healthcare Center, 726 Loveville Rd.,
Hockessin, DE 19707

Henry Schlotterer, Arden Courts, 620 West Valley Forge Road, King of
Prussia, PA 19406

PRAYERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND HEALING: Edith Barbone,
Lois & Tom Benning, Brooks Family, Jerry Deering, Dylan, Peter &
Diane Eliasson, David Frees, Syvilla Fry, Gajewski Family, Shirley
Jefferis, Sandy Killian, Meaghen King, Bill McCarron, Thelma
McCaughy, Damon Oliver, Gabe & Sherbi Seerattan, Hazel
Shanaman, Mason Shapiro, Bill Swier, Linda Swier and Jane Westhafer

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE ATTENDING COLLEGE / GRADUATE
SCHOOL:** Erica Adjekpiyede, Aliza Davner, Rebecca Davner, Simon
Davner, Nina Gajewski, Autumn Hudson, Jessica Keenan, Emily
Kinsey, Brandon Semon, Sara Schunder and Patrick Sheridan

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES: Daniel
Fineran, (Marine) and Brett Santai, (Navy)

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