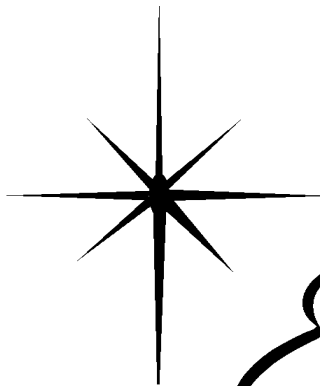


January 3, 2016



Epiphany



Mission Statement:
Tipton First United Methodist Church

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 am Service

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Paul E. Frederiksen - Pastor

Karis Horstmann - Administrative Ministries Coordinator

Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Sylvia Gould - Accompanist

Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Don Griffith - Custodian

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Jamie Bahr - Xn Chaos Keyboard

Sam Semotan-Dir. Little Friends

January 3, 2016

EPIPHANY

10:30 A.M.

*Welcome visitors – Whether you're here with friends or relatives, or if you're here by a mysterious, guiding hand, **welcome** and we're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself or anything like that. If you're new to First, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!*

If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; and children's bulletins are on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is go have an usher provide an escort.

*Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal**.*

In each program is a half-sheet insert. Please fill it out and use it for an "offering" at that time of the service. Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the dining room in the lower level of the building at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

PRELUDE

Sylvia Gould

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

CENTERING PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

Leader: God of Advent, of waiting and hoping,

ALL: keep our hearts expectant, ready for your coming among us.

L: God of Christmas, of celebration and rejoicing,

ALL: make our hearts glad with the joy nothing can take from us.

L: God of Epiphany, of hiding and making known,

**ALL: fill our hearts with wonder at the revelation of your glory
that we have seen in Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

* Singing Together "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (vss. 1-3) No. 220

* According to the Early Scribes Matthew 2:1-12
L: This is the Word of our Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

* Singing Together "We Three Kings" (vss. 1-4) No. 254

A Time for YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

ACT OF PRAISE

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

Chancel Choir

BEING A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

Matthew 13:13-15

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

"BE the Miracle"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

"Christmas Carol Communion"

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 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.

In the name of Christ, all persons are invited to participate in the meal! If you're not able to come forward, please ask a person near you to inform the servers; or a neighbor can bring bread and a cup to you. Please bring your offering with you when you come, and place it in the plate, located prior to each serving station.

As the serving begins, the chancel Choir will sing "Let Us Break Bread Together."

All



1. Lord, now in your mer - cy, your ser - vants re - lease. As your word has
 2. A light to the Gen - tles, by whom they now see, the glo - ry of

pro - mised, oh, grant us your peace. Our eyes your sal - va - tion and
 Is - rael, the Pro - mised One be, who lives now and ev - er, the

mer - cy be - hold, pre - pared for the na - tions as pro - phets fore - told.
 hea - ven's bright Son, with Fa - ther and Spir - it, e - ter - nal - ly one.

* COMMITMENT & BLESSING

(W & S, vss. 1 & 5 of "Spirit-Child Jesus")

L: Spirit-child Jesus, in joyful refrain, echoing songs over Bethlehem's plain,
 what will we do when the carols all fade?

All: "Take up my song: Glory! Be not afraid!"

L: Spirit-child Jesus, in hot tongues of flame, melting the candle alight in your name,
 what will we do when the candle is gone?

All: "Take up my light! Pass it on, pass it on!"

* SONG

"The First Noel"

No. 245

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

How We'll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week
(Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.)

Today's Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers; Communion Stewards: Kim Cross & Twyla Hein; Power Point: Brian Heil; Fellowship Coffee: Ron & Dixie Martin, Ruel & Jan Wehde; Ushers: Stonebraker family; Greeters: Wayne & Ann Neville; Nursery: Bob Young

January 10 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Jacob Boedeker & Lucas Lieser; Liturgist: Jen Johnson; Power Point: Renee Mente; Fellowship Coffee: Leadership Potluck; Ushers: Ken & Lorna Muller, Brian & Amber Boedeker; Greeters: Bob & Glenda Holets; Nursery: Volunteer Needed; Children's Lesson: Dusty Johnson

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Jerry Ferguson, Marvin Ford, Donna Gault, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Linda Huff, Rex Idlewine, Chris Keller, Ron Martin, Mark McKay (Ken's bro), Warren Nielson (L&K Houstman's bro-in-law), Ray Penningroth (M. Stonerook's bro); Jim Shontz, Ray Steinberg, Heather Strefling, Gary Taylor, and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.
Persons & families of incarceration;
Persons in employment limbo;
Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.
Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.
Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

In Treatment: Gary Kline, Katie Ryan, Linda (Kay Miller's sis)

Hospice/Palliative Care: Elmer Flory, Mabel Lamp, Henry Wiskus

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean Hanes, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby

Worship 12/24 @ 3:30pm 120, @ 10:00pm 84, 12/27 62, General Fund \$2225.35, Apportionments \$550.00, Shared Blessings \$33.27, Copper Kettle \$36.73, Christmas Offering \$1035.00. Grand Total \$3880.35

This Week

Sun. Jan 3: 10:30am Worship, 3:30pm Junior Lego League

Mon. Jan 4: 6:45pm Creative Worship, 6:45pm Missions Meeting

Tues. Jan 5: 4:00pm Communion @ Prairie Hills

Wed. Jan 6: 10:00pm GIG, 5:30pm Youth Group, 6:00pm GIG, 6:30pm GIG, 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thurs. Jan 7: 9:30am Communion @ Cedar Manor, 10:00am GIG, 6:30pm Chaos Practice, 7:00pm Financial Peace

Sat. Jan 9: 9:00am UMW Brunch, 11:00am Shared Blessings

Sun. Jan 10: 8:30am Choir Kids, 9:00am GIG, 9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 11:35am Potluck and M&M Fair, 12:40pm Leadership Orientation, 2:30pm KFC, 6:00pm Dominoes