



# *Epiphany*



**Buffalo Presbyterian Church  
January 6, 2019  
Communion Sunday**

Welcome  
TO  
Worship



Leading Worship Today:  
**Pastor:** Brian Entz  
**Lay Leader:** Angela Khanai

PRELUDE

Andante Sostenuto

Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & MINUTE FOR MISSION

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 72

Leader: Bless the Lord God, the God of Israel—

**People: the only one who does wondrous things!**

Leader: Bless God's glorious name forever;

**People: let God's glory fill all the earth!**

**All: Amen and Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN

#152 What Star is This, with Beams so Bright

Verse 1 - **All**, Verse 2 - **Men**, Verse 3 - **Women**, Verse 4 - **All**

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God judges the nations with righteousness, and answers the poor with justice.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**People: God of glory you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us from our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like the showers that water the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### \*RESPONSE

***The Gloria Patri #581***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

### \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*The people may exchange with one another, by words and gesture,  
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Brian

### ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter    Gustav Holst

## HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

## EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:1-12 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>‘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.’” <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy One, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts and minds be acceptable in your sight, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

## MESSAGE

*Pastor Brian Entz*

## OFFERING SONG

#151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

*(We will receive the morning offering while singing this song.)*

*Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.*

## \*DOXOLOGY #606

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

## STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** *The congregation responds by reading the print in bold.*

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS** *The candidates for ordination/installation respond by reading the text in bold.*

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? **I will.**

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Representative of Session: To the Congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept George, Kevin, and Eric as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

**PRAYER OF ORDINATION** *Those who are to be ordained kneel if able, facing the congregation.*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Minister: Gracious and eternal God...revealing your saving love in all he said and did.

**LAYING ON OF HANDS** *Those ordained as Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Ministers of Word and Sacrament are invited forward to lay hands on the candidates.*

**DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION  
WELCOME  
CHARGE**

HYMN

#527 Eat This Bread

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Holy One, the beginning and end...We look with hope for his coming.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Holy God...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: All praise and glory..., now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: And now as Christ our Savior taught we are bold to pray,

**People: 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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Holy Communion will be served by intinction. As you come forward you will be given a piece of bread. Take that bread and dip it in the cup (grape juice). Then, eat it together.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available. All who believe in Christ are welcome to join us.*

**\*COMMUNION PRAYER**

**All: Loving and Gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us with your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

#538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

WELCOME to Buffalo Presbyterian Church. We are a congregation in which the Word, the Spirit, and the Love of God enrich and strengthen us as individuals and families in Christ.

The purpose of this Church is to fully equip us to become disciples of Jesus Christ, obeying His commandments to love and worship God, love and care for our neighbors, and make new disciples in our community and the world.

We are a congregation in The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and have been part of the Buffalo community since 1875. We moved to our present property on County Road 134 in 1996. Our Sunday morning worship time is 9:30 a.m. throughout the year. Please join us again!

Classes Coffee and  
Conversations  
10:45am

Sunday School for  
Elementary Age

Confirmation for 6th-9th  
Graders

### Worship Notes

- The People say the text printed in **bold**. \*Please stand in body or in Spirit
- We are equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.
- All children are welcome to join us for worship. If you desire, our nursery is available for children ages kindergarten and under.
- Activity bags are located in the back of the sanctuary for older children (first grade and up).
- Please refrain from bringing food and beverages (other than water) into the worship area.

Helpful and insightful hymn notes can be found under the hymns in the *Glory to God* hymnal.

## Buffalo Presbyterian Church Notes and News

**Creative Arts Program:** There is a sample journal in the fellowship hall for the upcoming journaling event with Jennie Beck. Take a minute to check it out and see if you would like to come on January 9th to learn more about creating your own.

**Winter Fun Day!** On January 13th, from 11:30 am to 4pm, come have some winter fun. There will be a chili cook-off, games and activities for adults and youth, sledding, and more!

**Foster Parents Needed:** Wright County has a pressing and continuous need for foster parents. All children need a safe home where people will nurture and respect them. Children enter foster care due to significant life factors, often including abuse or neglect. This is an extremely difficult time for children. They are struggling and need extra support. The overall goal of foster care is to provide children with a temporary, stable, and caring family setting until they are reunited with their family or until a permanency plan is established for them. Wright County is seeking compassionate people who live in Wright County and are willing to welcome children into their home. If you would like more information about becoming a foster parent, please contact Marisa Ferguson at 763-682-7484 or [marisa.ferguson@co.wright.mn.us](mailto:marisa.ferguson@co.wright.mn.us). Those interested in learning more about foster care are invited to attend one of the upcoming orientations on January 8th, February 12th, April 9th or May 14th from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Wright County Law Enforcement Center located at 3800 Braddock Ave. NE, Buffalo, MN 55313 in room S2021A.

*Coming soon..... Watch for more details in the bulletin, newsletter and bulletin board.*

- Service of Healing and Wholeness on January 6th at 4:30pm.
- Illustrated Journaling with Jennie Beck on January 9th from 10am to noon.

# This week at BPC

## **Sunday, January 6**

### **Communion Sunday**

8:00a Adult Sunday School  
9:30a Worship  
10:45a Classes, Coffee, and Conversations  
4:30p Healing and Wholeness Service

## **Monday, January 7**

6:30p Prayer Shawl Meeting  
7:00p AA Meeting

## **Tuesday, January 8**

7:00a Kiwanis  
7:30a Guy's Breakfast  
8:30a Drivers Improvement  
9:00a Crafty Ladies  
10:30a Men's Bible Study  
6:30p Missions Committee Meeting

## **Wednesday, January 9**

6:00p Men's Bible Study  
6:00p Joyful Noise Youth Choir  
6:45p Youth Adventures with Christ  
7:15p Adult Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, January 10**

6:30a Women of Faith  
10:00a Women of Faith  
6:30p Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

## **Sunday, January 13**

8:00a Adult Sunday School  
9:30a Worship  
10:45a Classes, Coffee, and Conversations  
11:30a Winter Fun Day!

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