

Pikeville United Methodist Church

"Committed to Christ, Dedicated to Serve"

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Sunday, January 4, 2009

Epiphany Sunday

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Jerry Bishop, Worship Leader

*Hymn of Praise

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH 127

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

*Affirmation of Faith

"An Affirmation for the New Year"

(Rick Lindenholtz)

Father God, as we enter this new year, may it be a year in which You are near to us in every moment. For we believe in You, Almighty Creator of Heaven and Earth.

Lord Jesus, stay by our side day by day. We place our faith in You, the one who is both God and man. From your birth of a virgin in Bethlehem to your ministry of healing and of grace, from Your self-giving death on the cross for us to Your powerful resurrection and ascension, we declare that You are Lord, and we believe in the truth of Your Word.

Holy Spirit, come to us this year in a thousand different ways. With Your gentle direction, Your quiet voice, and Your wise instruction, guide us to Jesus and His Word.

Almighty God - Father, Son, and Spirit - You have gone before us into the new year, and You call us to join you. We come in confidence and joy, loving and trusting You. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Receiving Prayer Requests

The Prayer Team

Call to Prayer

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

The Morning Prayer with 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.

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:1-12

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be a healing for your flesh and refreshment for your body. Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. My child, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves the one he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Special Music

Trio

Carolyn C. Diamond, Piano; Marcia Adkins Hunt, Organ; Jerry P. Waddell, Keyboard

Message

"Decisions for the Future"

Rev. Dickinson

Five decisions we can make right now that will help us make good decisions in the new year

1. Decide to live life _____.

"Do not copy the behavior and customs of this world..." Romans 12:2

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not depend on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5-6

2. Decide to read and study _____.

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives...and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do." 2 Timothy 3:16-18

"Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise." Colossians 3:16

3. Decide to ask for _____.

"If you need wisdom - if you want to know what God wants you to do - ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking." James 1:5

"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God, my Savior..." Psalm 25:4-5

4. Decide to get _____.

"Many advisors make victory sure..." Proverbs 11:14

"Listen to advice and accept instruction and in the end you will be wise." Proverbs 19:20

5. Decide to _____.

*Response to the Word

"In His Time"

TFWS 2203

In his time, in his time; he makes all things beautiful in his time. Lord, please show me every day as you're teaching me your way that you do just what you say in your time.

In your time, in your time; you make all things beautiful in your time. Lord, my life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing be to you a lovely thing in your time.

Holy Communion

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, Gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, Gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, Redeemed by his blood.



By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and the Cup

You will be invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.
Please use the offering plates located on either side of the Chancel area for God's tithes and our offerings.

***Parting Hymn**

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

UMH 128

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Postlude

* If you are able, please stand.

Worship Notes

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of **Dorothy "June" Lyons** by the **Pikeville UMC Chancel Choir**.

Frank and Kathy Nall and Elmon and Terri Smith Walters will be assisting with Communion this morning.

Volunteers Assisting With Worship

Greeter _____ Joyce Ratliff
 Worship Leader _____ Jerry Bishop
 Sound _____ Don Hall
 Acolytes _____ Members of the Soul Patrol Sunday School Class

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, January 4, 2009 Second Sunday in Christmastide	
8:45 a.m.	Early Encounter
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
6:30 p.m.	Youth Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2009	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
Tuesday, January 6, 2009	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
6:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting Choir Room
8:00 p.m.	NA
Wednesday, January 7, 2009	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
6:00 p.m.	Made to Priase
6:30 p.m.	NEW GROW Classes for all ages
7:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 8, 2009	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
8:00 p.m.	NA
Friday, January 9 2009	
8:00 p.m.	NA

FINANCIAL NOTE

The PUMC financial books for 2008 will be closed after January 7, 2009.

Attention Singers and Ringers!

**Wednesday, January 7th
7:45 p.m.**

**First Chancel Choir Rehearsal for '09
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**Sunday, January 11th
5:30 p.m.**

First Sanctuary Ringers Rehearsal for '09

Child care is provided for all rehearsals.



The **United Methodist Mountain Mission** truck will be in Pikeville on **January 20th** at approximately **8:30 a.m.** Please bring items in boxes if at all possible.

The Flower Chart for 2009 is located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Please sign up for the dates you wish to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of a friend or loved one.

Levi's Floral will bill you \$25.00 per arrangement.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to **Don and Carolyn Hall** as well as other family members and friends on the death of Carolyn's mother, **Dorothy "June" Lyons**. June's funeral was held in Lexington on Friday, January 2nd.

PUMC Trustees will meet on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.



[Inclement Weather Policy for Wednesday Activities](#)

If the Pikeville Independent School District does not have school, **all Wednesday activities** will be cancelled. There will be no GROW classes or music rehearsals.

GROW Classes begin this Wednesday, January 7th

There are learning opportunities for all ages!

Classes begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Epiphany (Greek for "to manifest" or "to show"), is a Christian feast day which celebrates the "shining forth" or revelation of God in human form in the person of Jesus Christ. The Feast of the Epiphany falls on January 6th – sometimes called "Old Christmas." Western Christians commemorate the visitation of the Magi to the child Jesus on this day.



