



rise! Shine!

Your
light has
come.

– Isaiah 60:1

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January 8, 2023

Celebrating Epiphany

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg 690 [844 LP] OT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On a clear night we can lift our heads and see a
thousand stars light the dome of heaven,

People: **And trace the patterns, old and worn, of constellations,
and tell their ancient stories,**

Leader: Or find the brightest that still casts its glow upon angels
and shepherds and wisemen from the East.

People: **On a clear night we can lift our heads and see the stars
still light our way toward God.**

*HYMN #68

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Lord of all steadfast love, gather our wandering hearts and minds
as we bow in confession before you. You invite us to live secure
in the Love you have for us, free from any guilt, free from any fear;
free from any doubts that keep us from completely trusting you.
Bring to our lives a growing sense of your Presence, there to
encourage the life we pray to keep with you. Let your Peace abide
in us, as surely as your gift of salvation embraces us. Hear us as
we come to you in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

(pg 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14* (pg 533 [656 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3:1-12
(pg 193 [235 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg 2 [2 LP] NT)

SERMON

Rev. Marilyn K. Hale

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #53

"What Child Is This"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #63

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Congregation

(Words and music can be found in the pocket inside
the back cover of the hymnal.)

*Together in our hearts, we dedicate our offering to God today. Offering
plates are located at the rear of the sanctuary...*

(by the 2 doors.) Thank you!

For the week beginning January 8, 2023

GREETERS: Jean and Mike Kessler

PRAYER FAMILY: Emmy Woodhead

ELDER for the Month: Diana Dunbar

Mon 9:00 a.m. Lectionary (MKH)

Wed 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Worship Committee taking down
Christmas decorations

6:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Next

Sun 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

****ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex. If you would be interested in a **LARGE PRINT copy of the bulletin or the sermon**, please see Julie.

The **Portville Community Food Pantry** is accepting donations of **SPAGHETTI SAUCE**. Thank you so much for supporting our local food pantry!

ATTENTION SESSION MEMBERS:

Please have your Committee Annual Reports turned into the church office **BY NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH**. Our 173rd Annual Congregational Meeting will take place the following Sunday, January 22nd after worship. An updated Church Directory will be available at the Congregational Meeting. If you have any updates you would like confirmed/shared, please see Julie.



Sunday, January 22nd, 2023

**Annual
Congregational
Meeting**

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