

**✚ Epiphany Sunday ✚**  
**January 6, 2019 10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING IN WORSHIP**

*Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.*

◆Prelude

◆**Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Pastor: "Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

**People: See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.**

**Unison: Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Pastor: "Lift up your eyes and look about you:  
All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

**People: Then you will look and be radiant,  
heart will throb and swell with joy;  
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,  
to you the riches of the nations will come.**

Pastor: Herds of camels will cover your land, camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

**Unison: "Who are these that fly along like clouds,  
like doves to their nests? Surely the islands look to me;  
in the lead are the ships of Tarshish,  
bringing your children from afar, with their silver and gold,  
to the honor of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has endowed you with splendor.**

◆**Hymn of Praise** (BH #368) *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

◆**Invocation**

**The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)**

**WORD**

**Scripture Readings**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Matthew 2:1-12

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

**Pastoral Prayer**

◆**Hymn of Preparation** (GH #206) *We Three Kings*

**Message "We Stand Assured, In the Light of the World"**  
**Rev. Mark Westlind, Senior Pastor**

**RESPONSE**

◆**Hymn of Response** (BH #192) *As With Gladness, Men of Old*  
(vs.1,2,4)

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Dear Lord our Lord, We humbly come before you with adoration and praise, as did the kings from the East thousands of years ago. Lord, we confess that we have enjoyed the Christmas season all too briefly in the past and also this year. Please keep your Incarnation in our minds throughout the year. We confess that we have not looked out more graciously for the afflicted, the poor, and the oppressed. These are those you came to save. Please grant forgiveness to us and give us inspiration to follow your precepts. This is a true continuation of our Christmas spirit.**

(Silent Reflection)

**Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)**

The Lord Jesus Christ, who came to save us thousands of years ago, still thrives in our hearts. He hears our confessions. He forgives us with His compassion; a compassion that He grants to us so that we might be inspired to follow Him more closely and dearly. He assures us that if we call on Him, He will answer and help inspire us to greater things. Beloved, rest assured that you are truly forgiven today.

**Passing of the Peace**

**Life Together**

**Offering**

Offertory *Open Our Eyes*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

## Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

- ◆ Affirmation of Faith (BH #878)
- ◆ Words of Institution
- ◆ Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

### SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #215) *Christ Jesus Knew a Wilderness*  
(vs. 1,2,4)

◆ **Benediction**

**Postlude**

◆ Indicates those who are able should stand.

### NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Marjorie Cassady, Ember Lou Eigenbauer  
Diana Eigenbauer's great-granddaughter), Chloe Johnson, Lorraine  
Sorensen, Doris Wallace.

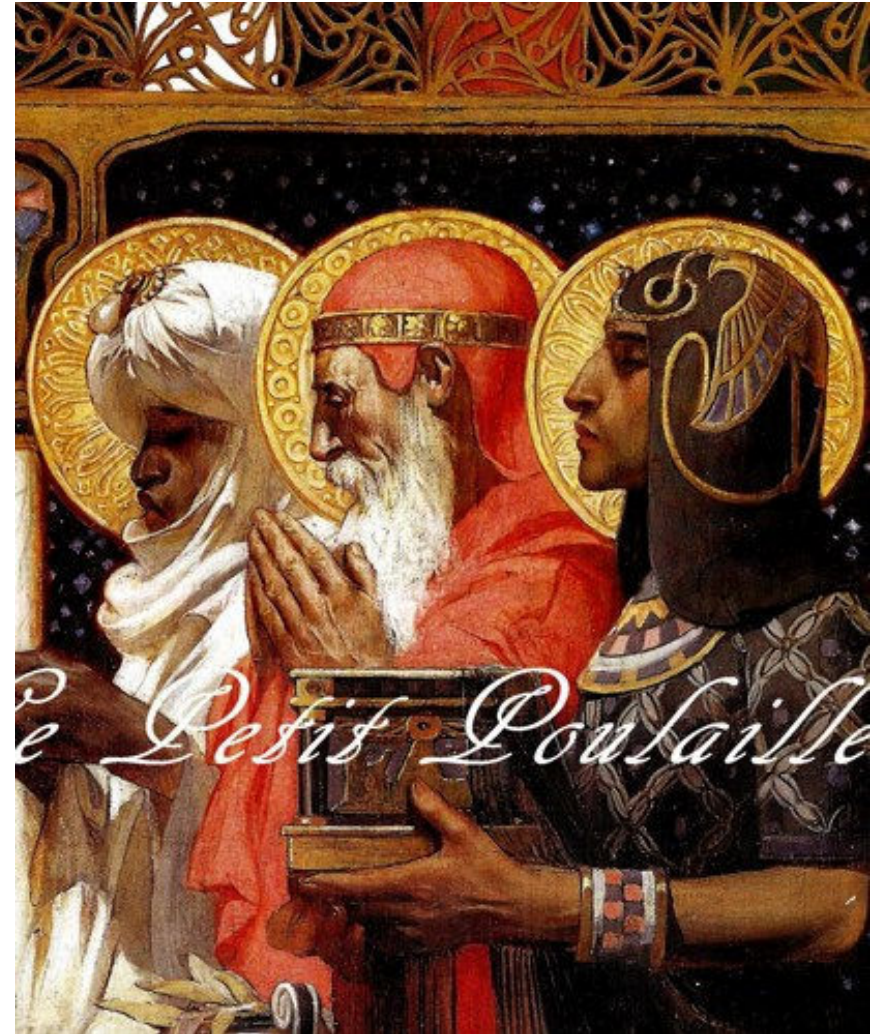
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| Rev. Mark Westlund.....                  | Senior Pastor                  |
| Pastor Alicia Reese.....                 | Associate Pastor               |
| Stuart Seale .....                       | Director of Music and Worship  |
| Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male..... | Organists                      |
| Christina Palazzolo.....                 | Director, Noah's Ark Preschool |
| Karen Christakos.....                    | Church Secretary               |
| Joe Michalowicz.....                     | Custodian                      |

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**Worth Township Youth Commission Events:**

11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip, [youthcommission@worthtownship.com](mailto:youthcommission@worthtownship.com)  
Office: 708-371-2900.

**Coat Drive** - Residents in need of a winter coat are welcome to come to the Township during normal business hours now through January 31 and choose a coat. Residents can check back as often as needed throughout the season as donations come in daily.

**Youth Collision**

The Southwest Covenant Youth Collision will meet tonight and next Sunday, January 13, from 5-7 P.M. at Hope Covenant Church in Orland Park, located at 14401 West Avenue.

**Calendar for the Week:**

**Today:**

- 9 A.M. Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room
- 10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 10 A.M. Worship
- 11:20 A.M. Confirmation Class
- 5-7 PM. Youth Collision, Hope Covenant Church, Orland Park

**This Week:**

- Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool
- Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women’s Bible Study, Fireside Room
- Tues. 6:30 P.M. Deacons meeting
- Tues. 7 P.M. Trustees and C.E. Board meetings
- Thur. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers
- Thur. 6 P.M. Church Board meeting, Carol Raines home

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**January 13 – Nursery Helpers:** Carol Byland  
**Greeters:** Tom & Pat Klutcharch

**Announcements:**

**Adult Sunday School - Class starts at 9:00 A.M., Fireside Room**

For the month of January, Patricia Petersen will lead the class featuring a different topic each week:

*January 13:* Meaning: "The Day of the Lord--The Dark Side of Love."

*January 20:* Zephaniah 1:1-18 "Judah and Jerusalem will be punished" and Zephaniah 2:1-3 "Turn to the Lord."

*January 27:* Zephaniah 2:4-15 "The Nations will be punished" and Zephaniah 3:1-20 "Judah and Other Nations will turn to the Lord".

Start the New Year off right and join us at 9:00 AM to explore these Biblical passages.

**Meet with Pastor Alicia**

Pastor Alicia would like to take time to meet with everyone at Trinity ECC in her first couple months. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex or please call the church office at 708-422-5111 for available time slots. Pastor Alicia has allotted 30-minute time slots

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY**

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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starting on Thursday, January 10 through Thursday, February 7, with various times each day. Please sign up as individuals and/or families as you would like. Pastor Alicia is happy to meet at the church, your home, or even your work!

## **Today's Scriptures:**

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. <sup>2</sup>May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. <sup>3</sup>May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness. <sup>4</sup>May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor. <sup>5</sup>May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations. <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. <sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more. <sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him. May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts. <sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him. <sup>12</sup>For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. <sup>13</sup>He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. <sup>14</sup>He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.<sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup>"'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

<sup>9</sup>After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

<sup>11</sup>On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.<sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.