

St. Paul & Center Grove United Methodist Church

Epiphany of the Lord

6 January 2013

Rev. Alan Thompson

Liturgical Color: White or Gold

"Small church...big hearts for serving the Lord and our neighbor in love...transforming the world."

Prelude & Greeting

Passing of the Peace

Responsive Reading

O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel.

Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising. Amen

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: # 251 Go Tell it on the Mountain

Affirmation of Faith: #881 The Apostles Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic**church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen*

*Gloria Patri: #70

Silent Meditation & Prayer

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 temptations, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Special Music: # 246 Joy to the World (SPUMC Choir)

Children's Message:

Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology: #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Message in Hymn: #176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Sermon: "Do You See Him in the Darkness?"

*Hymn of Invitation: # 156 I Love to Tell the Story

*Benediction

*Postlude: #672 God Be With You Til We Meet Again

* Congregation standing

Life of the Church

- Attendance 12/23/12: SPUMC – 42 ; CGUMC – 6
- Attendance @ Christmas Eve Service: 24
- Pine Bluff UMC Food Pantry: Bring food pantry items to SPUMC by the first Saturday of each month in support of this ministry
- “New Direction” contemporary service coming to Center Grove UMC 1/13/13. Come as you are!
- “Gift for Jesus in the Manger”: \$200 and 23 pounds of food delivered to Cooperative Christian Ministry...Praise God!
- Statistical reports and year end financial reports due by 1/24/13. Church profiles due by 2/13/13.

Prayer List

Local Church: Tommy Shinn Family, Helen Shinn, Angel Thompson, Polly Meehan, Laura Leigh, Rosalyn Greene, Susan Williams, Elizabeth Widenhouse, Martha Hartsell, Bob Krimminger, Kathy Cranford, Wanda Krimminger, Mark Cline, Jerry Walter

Community: *Sharon Tomberlin, *Kate Fincher, *Alisha Gibson, Junior Johnson, Mary Smith, Ruth Carter, Debbie Smith, Betty Smith, Betty Sanders, Joan Ellard, *Karen Milke, Phyllis Godfrey, *Eric Rasmussen, *John Rasmussen, *David Williams, Emily Bostian, Randy Anderson, Raymond Childers, *Wesley Hartsell, *Larry Stancil, Sarah McCafferty, Alexander Chaney, Joanne Nunn Family, Fergie Krimminger, John Greenlee, Dylan Howell, Ed Stewicki, Allen Linker, Mac Hopkins, *Matthew Wallace, Jonathan Sapp, John Bowers, Stacy Davis, Noah Powers, Vivian Schrader, Mary Helms, Debbie Tompkins, Josh Helms, Jenny Satts, Jerri Greene, Ruth Baxter Laney, Darrell Johnston, Dovie Faggart, James Kirkley, Pamela Young, Matt Greene, Irene Barrier Family, Voyte Wilhelm, Dot Walter, Clarence Walter, Robert Barnhardt and Family, Emily Hileman, Sharon Williams, Kesha Wallace, Norrie Baird, Victims & family of Connecticut school shooting, John Bowers, Stacy Lentz, Tyler Jeffries, Mary Johnson Family (*in an effort to keep our prayer focused on particular needs, please provide updates on conditions when available as well as those that need to be added to our prayer program along with those to be removed*) ***

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ellen Cline	1/17	Syrus Dellinger	1/23	Joey Santos	1/17
Sierra Santos	1/17	Justin Miller	1/31	Dusty Morgan	1/7
Amy Penninger	1/11	Margaret Saunders	1/13		
Thelma Tomberlin	1/20	Cecil Krimminger	1/23		

Suggested Readings for the Week: Isaiah 60: 1-6, Psalm 72, Ephesians 3: 1-12, Matthew 2: 1-12

Points of Reflection: Where has Christ been visible this week? Where have you seen the light of Christ in the darkness of your own life? Where have you offered Christ as the light to another? How will you make Christ known to those who have not seen?

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