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**Lakeshore Presbyterian Church
December 28, 2025
Epiphany
Pastor Bill Davis, presiding**



Guide Us To Thy Perfect Light

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 148:1-5)

One: Praise the LORD!

ALL: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

One: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

ALL: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

One: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

ALL: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

One: Let us worship and praise the LORD, our GOD!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Please stand if you are able
HYMN “The First Nowell” #56

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear FATHER of our LORD, JESUS CHRIST, we thank you for the blessings of Christmas: the sweets, the decorations, the spirits, the gifts, the family gatherings and the exhaustion. Forgive us when we go overboard with any of these. Forgive us when our celebrations are more about us and little about serving our LORD and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. Help us keep JESUS' message of love, service, and forgiveness at the forefront of our Christmas celebrations. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM “We Three Kings” #66

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-6

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² 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.’ ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶“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.”

SERMON “Godly Celebrations”

HYMN “As With Gladness Men of Old” #63

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe:

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNs AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O LORD"

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Incline Thine ear to us

And grant us Thy peace

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below

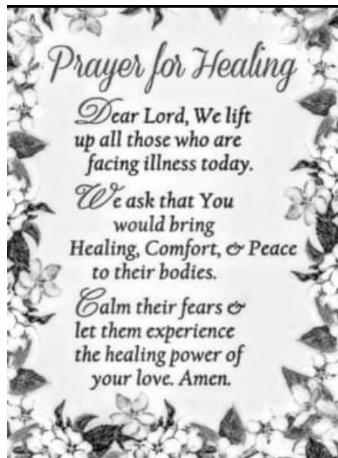
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN "Go Tell It On The Mountain" #29

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

FELLOWSHIP



Sue
Dykstra

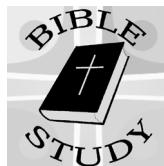
Lori Pollack

Roger
Sheldon

Debi Singer



Caroline
Janosky



Sunday Mornings
9 am – 9:45 am



**Next
Meeting
Thursday
January 8th
10:30 am**

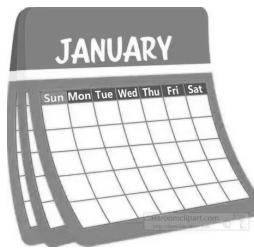
Next Deacon's Meeting

January 4th following Worship

Committee reports for the Annual Report are due no later than January 12th.
Email to:

lakeshorepresby@aol.com

Thank you!



- 1/4** Deacons following Worship
- 1/6** Stewardship & Mgt 2pm
- 1/8** Worship 12:30pm
Session 1:30pm
- 1/10** Craft Day 1-3pm
- 1/12** Committee Reports due for Annual Report
- 1/21** Potluck 6pm
- 1/25** Annual Congregational Meeting