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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

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

<sup>6</sup> “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**

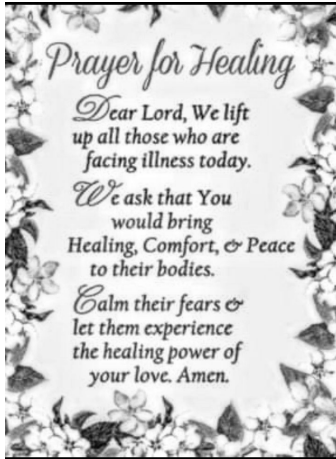
**Praise Him above ye heavenly host;**

**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

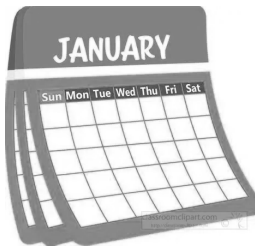
January 4<sup>th</sup> following Worship

Committee reports for the Annual Report are due no later than January 12<sup>th</sup>.

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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