

Broad Street United Methodist Church
Epiphany Sunday
January 7, 2024

Welcome to the Broad Street United Methodist Church.

We are happy you are here today.

The order of worship is found in this bulletin.

*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

PRELUDE

Judy Schetler

Welcome Greeting /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marsha Danser

*Litany for Epiphany (responsive)

Marsha Danser

The Babe is born. God has come. God is with us!

Let us worship Christ in Spirit and in Truth.

The Magi searched earnestly for the Messiah.

We also seek Christ with longing and humility.

Having been led by a star, they bowed before Jesus as a boy.

We too kneel before the Lord Our God, Our Maker.

They presented their gifts, the best they had to offer.

We come as well, giving our whole hearts in praise and worship.

O Come, let us adore Him.

O Come, Let us adore Him, Christ, The Lord!

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*HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old

See bulletin insert

PRAYERS for the New Year (pray in unison)

Marsha Danser

Holy God, we come before You in the early days of a new year, as fresh with possibility as the new baby we come to worship as Savior. Overwhelm us with hope and gladness today. Open us to a brand-new-reality, to the way things might yet be. Transform us into vibrant witnesses as we proclaim Your good news that is ancient, yet always and ever new. Amen.

GBODUMC worship 2017

*HYMN

The First Noel (v. 3,4 and 5)

UMH 245

CHILDREN'S SERMON

“Three Gifts for a King”

Dr. Rainier

ANTHEM

At the Table of the Lord by Jay Althouse

Sanctuary Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Doug Papp

**Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in
Your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.** (Psalm 19:14)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Doug Papp

THE MESSAGE

By A Different Road

Dr. Helen L. Rainier

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Marsha Danser

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to You in a new year with new desires and old fears,

new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses.

Because You are a God of hope,

We know that You create all the possibilities of the future.

Because You are a God of love,

We know that you accept all the mistakes of the past.

Because You are the God of our faith,

We enter Your gates with thanksgiving and praise,

We come into Your presence with gladness and a joyful noise,

And we serve and bless You. Amen. (Maren C. Tirabassi, USA 20th Cent. Alt. Book of Worship 295)

Now let us pray for those dear to our hearts. We pray for _____.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayers. Amen.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Dr. Rainier

HYMN

We Three Kings (V. 1, 2)

UMH 254

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95



*OFFERTORY PRAYER (pray together)

Dr. Rainier

God, our provider, we marvel that You care for each individual personally. Help us to discern the nudges and leading of Your Holy Spirit. May we take action swiftly in response to Your call to compassion for people in need. Bless them in practical ways through our church's ministries. We dedicate our tithes and offerings in the name of Jesus. Amen. (GBOD Worship Offering for 1/1/17)

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION

HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings (v. 1, 4, 5)

UMH 383

CONFESSION AND PARDON

UMH 12

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EPIPHANY

UMH 15-16

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

BREAKING OF BREAD AND TAKING OF THE CUP

WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION led by Doug Papp UMH 607

*HYMN

Shine, Jesus Shine

TFWS 2173

*WORDS OF BLESSING (Responsive)

Dr. Rainier

Lord, Jesus, come into every dimension of our being. Invade our thoughts. Be our priority. Not our way, Lord, not our will, but Yours. Use us all for the purpose for which You made us, this Epiphany, and in each day of our lives to come. Let our lights shine brightly for You. **Amen.** (from Michael Slaughters' book *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday* - group study prayers)

POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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BULLETIN DEDICATION



The Bulletin this morning is dedicated in celebration of our 53rd Wedding Anniversary on January 3, 2024 given by Ollie and Doug Leshner.

The altar flowers this morning are dedicated in loving memory of my parents, Louisa and Joseph Boulton, given by Doris Waitz.



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

John Robert Chitester, Evelyn Kraft, Mike Levesque,
Dale Crocker, Herb Tomer, Sharon Durazolapaugh, Susan Curlett,
Lina Jaskot, Cindy Kenneally, Keith and Lauri Sheppard

Requests for inclusion on the prayer list, removal from the list, or to have a name remain on the list for more than two weeks should be sent in an email to: office@broadstumc.org or placed in the offering plate.

Please continue to pray for those on the prayer list in previous weeks.

THIS WEEK:

No Bible Study this week.

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – United Women of Faith Meeting 1:00PM



As with Gladness Men of Old

(sung to the tune *For the Beauty of the Earth*)

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold.
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward beaming bright.,
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore.
So, may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.
4. Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide. Amen.