

# Epiphany of the Lord

*Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve*

*\*Stand if you are able*

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Chiming of the Beginning of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship      **Psalm 72**      UMH 795

\*Hymn      *There's a Song in the Air*      UMH 249

Old Testament Reading      **Isaiah 60:1-6**

*The Word of God for the people of God; Thanks be to God!*

Special Music      arranged Mark Hayes  
*Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella*

Gospel Lesson      **Matthew 2:1-12**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon      **No, You Don't Hear What I Hear**

\*Affirmation of Faith

Concerns and Praises of the Body of Christ

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon      Rev. Bruce Prewer

The coming of Christ was not, and is not, widely welcomed.

Wherever there is epiphany there will also be darkness...

Let us make our confession together,

**Most holy and most loving God,  
we admit to you and to each other,  
that we are creatures who either through foolishness  
or wilfulness often choose darkness instead of light.  
Here and now we surrender to you  
our fears and proud opinions,  
our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom,  
our deep seated sins  
and our apathy towards change and renewal.**

**Please forgive the darkness and pain  
we have inflicted on others,  
and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals  
within our own souls.**

**Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray:**

**“Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.”**

**Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen!**

My friends, Epiphany is good news!

The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us.

Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners.

In his name I declare to you: Yours sins are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God!**

Take up your forgiveness with thanksgiving,  
and live without shame or anxiety.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ enables us. Amen!**

The Great Thanksgiving      responses UMH 15-16

The Lord's Prayer      UMH 895

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*An offering plate is located on the table near the entrance of the sanctuary.*

\*Doxology and Offertory Prayer      UMH 95

\*Hymn      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*      UMH 251

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Threefold Amen

## Serving in Worship

**Today:** Ushers—Murray & Gale Sink, Nancy Flowers,  
Betty Bewley; Liturgist—Betty Bewley; Counting Team 1;  
Building Security—Taylor Crane

**Next Sunday:** Ushers—Taylor Crane, Terry & Lynn  
Blumenthal, Debbie Canter; Liturgist—Terry Blumenthal;  
Counting Team 2; Building Security—Taylor Crane

### Prayers and Praises

Shared the week of December 31: *people traveling over the holidays, those experiencing loss/sadness during the holiday season, loss of/memories of loved ones and those feeling unexplained sadness/loneliness as the year ends, Brittany;*

Praises: *Keith and Becky Arnott back in worship, China Moore's great report, Connie Mende doing much better*

December 24: *Steve & Debbie Reynolds, people experiencing sadness and loss of loved ones during the holidays, cherish all of the special moments with your families this week...not the big, loud ones, but the quiet and small ones... that touch your heart*

### This Week at Burkhead United Methodist Church

Our Church Office is open Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am – 2 pm.

Sunday, January 7

- 9:15 am New Life Sunday School class
- 9:30 am Seekers Sunday School class
- 10:15 am Fellowship Time
- 10:30 am **Worship Service**

Monday, January 8

- 6:30 pm Leadership Council meeting

Tuesday, January 9

- 10:30 am **Outreach Committee meeting**
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

Wednesday, January 10

- 6:00 pm **Community Fellowship Meal**

Saturday, January 13

- 2:30 pm Fellowship Hall is reserved

Sunday, January 14

- 9:15 am New Life Sunday School class
- 9:30 am Seekers Sunday School class
- 10:15 am Fellowship Time
- 10:30 am **Worship Service**

### **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, January 17

- 1:00 pm **Y.A.R.N. Ministry**

Thursday, January 18

- 11:30 pm **Third Thursday**

Sunday, January 21

- 5:00 pm **Book Club**



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## January 7, 2024

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