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JANUARY 1, 2017
Epiphany of the Lord

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GATHERING

Prelude Improvisation *Ken Friese*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *Based on Isaiah 60: 1, 3*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Minister: Nations shall come to your light,

People: and rulers to the brightness of your morning.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 150 "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX
Verses 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice, we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

*Response of Thanksgiving, No. 132 (*Verse 3*)

IN DULCI JUBILO

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
 now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

*The Peace

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson	Isaiah 60: 1-6	O.T. p.690/P.844
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
Second Lesson	Ephesians 3: 1-12	N.T. p.193/P.235-236
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
Third Lesson:	Matthew 2: 1-12	N.T. p.2/P.2
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	

Sermon "Journeying with Noble Abandon" *Rev. Anne Stewart Miller*

Hymn No. 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" **KINGS OF ORIENT**
 Verses 1, 5

*Affirmation of Faith *Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayers

EUCCHARIST

Invitation to Receive our Tithes and Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "There is a Season" *S. Poorman*
 Solo, Martha Tibbetts

*Doxology No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: "Who, forever sing to the glory of your name ...,"

Hymn No. 552

LAND OF REST

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

—*Prayer continues ...*

Minister: "Great is the mystery of faith ...,"

Hymn No. 553 "Christ Has Died, Christ is Risen"

LAND OF REST

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

—*This morning, we will be communing by intinction.*

*Please come down the center aisle to receive your elements,
then return to your seat via a side aisle.*

Prayer after Communion

Sending

*Hymn No. 152

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

Verses 1, 2 & 4

*Benediction

*Choral Response, No. 601

DANISH AMEN

"Amen, Amen, Amen"

*Organ Postlude

"Fugue in G"

J.S. Bach

**Please stand, as you are able.*

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:
Rev. Anne Stewart Miller, Interim Pastor
Ken Miller, Lector
Charles Worledge, Usher Captain;
Roger Ketcham, Bill Roe
Communion Server: Ken Miller

—This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God.

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please sign the flower calendar in the central foyer or call the church office.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Continue to pray for those who remain on our prayer list:

Caitlin Colbert (granddaughter of Jim and Kris Colbert), Matt Deegan (member), Bob Esser (member), Dave and Else Haddock (members), Tom Miller (Rev. Anne's son), Bill Murphy (Vera Murphy's son), Our Pastor Nominating Committee and your next pastor, Cynde and Robert Raynor (Brett's parents), Rebecca Raynor (Brett's sister), Jim Schubauer (member), Gerry Schult (member), Kevin Telford (friend of Tina Cody), Ed Williams (member), Grace Youngquist (member), and Diane Zamow (member) and her father.

Prayers of Christian sympathy and love to: Family of Edward Burgess (Paul's father) who joined the Church Triumphant on Thursday. A memorial service is planned for the spring.

Removed from our prayer list this week: Kevin Telford (friend of Tina Cody), Tom Miller (Rev. Anne's son), and Matt Deegan (member).

Names on our prayer list will remain for a month.

If you wish to have a name remain on the list, kindly contact the Church Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In observance of New Year's Day, Monday,
January 2nd is a staff holiday
and the Church Office will be closed.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS: All committee year end reports are due **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**. Please submit to the Church office either by stopping by the Church office or email at cheriecornell@oldfirstchurchhuntington.org.

YOUTH CLUB AND KIDS' AND YOUTH CHOIRS: will meet this Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

- Youth Club grades 1-8 from 5-7 pm in Youth Room
- Kids' Choir (grades 1-3) 5-5:30
- Youth Choir (5:30-6).

New singers are welcome in 2017 as rehearsals start again in the choir room - Come give us a try!

FOOD 4 THE SOUL will meet next Sunday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

STEPHEN MINISTERS TRAINING resumes next Sunday, January 8, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Other dates in January are Sunday, 1/15/17, Sunday, 1/22/17, and Saturday, 1/28/17 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

- **PW BOARD (Executive members only)** will meet this Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 101.
- **PW-C3/Bible Study** will resume Wednesday, January 18th 2017 at 12 noon and again at 7:30 pm in Room 101. The Bible Study will be studying the Gospel of John. Please bring in a Christmas card that was received this year that truly describes what Christmas means to you.
- **CIRCLE-4/QUILTING** will resume again later in January on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 am in Room 101. The starting date in 2017 has not yet been determined. All are welcome. No experience necessary.
- **CIRCLE-6/CRAFTS** will resume meeting again on Friday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the craft room -212 starting January 6th, 2017. All are welcome.
- **LAYETTE:** The layette is in need of lightly used baby towels for both boys and girls.

THRIFT STORE:

- There will be a meeting Sunday, January 8th at 11:15 a.m. in the Library
- Volunteers are needed for Thursdays and Fridays from 11am to 1:30pm. Please let Cynthia know if you can work occasionally or every week.

COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL: Items needed for the month of January are: *canned goods—meat, fruit, vegetables, and Mac-N-Cheese*. Thank you for your generous donations.

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1 – 2017

New Year's Day

10:00-11:00 a.m. Family Communion Worship

2:00-5:00 p.m. America's Best Auctioneer
(Parish Hall)

6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (Downstairs Room 10)

Monday, January 2 - 2017

Staff Holiday

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (Basement)

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. PW Exec. Board (Room 101)

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Basement/Room 11)

1:00-2:00 p.m. AA (Basement, Room 10)

7:00-8:00 p.m. Deacons (Room 101)

Wednesday, January 4 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (Basement)

9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)

5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Club (Youth Room)

5:00-5:30 p.m. Kids' Choir Rehearsal (Room 211)

5:30-6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (Room 211)

7:00-9:15 p.m. AA (Basement, Room 10)

7:30-9:00 p.m. B.S. Troop 32 (Gym)

Thursday, January 5 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Basement/Room 11*)
5:00-9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (*Room 102*)
8:00-9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Reh. (*Room 211*)

Friday, January 6 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
9:30-11:30 a.m. Al Anon (*Room 101*)
9:45a-12p PW-Crafts (*Craft Room-212*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Basement/Room 11*)

Sunday, January 8 - 2017

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship
10:20-11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Thrift Store Meeting (*Fiske Rm*)
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers Training
6:00-8:00 p.m. Food 4 the Soul (*Youth Room*)
6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Downstairs Room 10*)

OLD FIRST CHURCH SESSION MEMBERS:

Guiding the church as we seek to serve Christ and our community

Class of 2017

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Overseeing the church's resources to undergird mission and ministry

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WORSHIP NOTES FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

This morning, Old First will celebrate Epiphany (the official date is January 6). Epiphany is from the Greek word, *epiphaneia*, which means, “manifestation.” It is a feast that originated in the early Eastern church, (now the Middle East) where, from the 3rd century on, it has been celebrated in honor of the Baptism of Christ up to the present day. By the next century, there’s ample evidence that the festival (or feast—a chance to devour delicious food) then ranked with Easter and Pentecost as one of the three principal festivals of early Christianity.

By the 4th century, the feast was introduced and became standard practice in the Western Church—mostly Europe--though by the next century it became the Sunday associated with the presentation of Christ to the Gentiles in the person of the Magi—the first Gentiles to worship Christ (think light, star). They are called, in the Greek, *magoi*, or ‘sages,’ court priests (perhaps from Parthia, today northeastern Iran) who practiced astrology and magic.

The idea that the magi were kings first appears in the Christian tradition in the writings of Tertullian, 3rd century (c. 160-225) African Church Father and theologian, who called them “almost kings”. Matthew’s gospel says nothing of their number. Alexandrian biblical scholar and theologian Origen (c. 185-254) was the first to make it three, probably on account of their three gifts—this has become the general tradition. Their names, Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, are first mentioned in the 6th century and by the Middle Ages were venerated as saints. Their relics, discovered in Constantinople in the 5th century, are now enshrined in Cologne Germany’s Cathedral.

In the 20th century, the Roman church made the following Sunday a separate feast—The Baptism of the Lord—which many Protestants now observe. (It will be celebrated next Sunday at Old First.) Over the past few decades, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) along with many other mainline Protestant churches, has adopted in its practice and liturgy—the Feast of the Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord—the Sunday after Epiphany.

Wikipedia & ASM

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FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3: 1-12

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live;

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD LESSON:
Matthew 2: 1-12

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

‘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.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.