

Ephraim Moravian Church

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In Celebration of The Epiphany - January 7, 2024

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PASTOR:.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
MINISTERS:.....Members of the Congregation
MUSIC DIRECTOR:.....Colin Welford
SECRETARY:.....Erin Bristol
SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST:.....Lori Free
LAY READER:..... Linda Carey

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: Watchword for the Epiphany

Hymn #320 “The People Who in Darkness Walked”

Epiphany Responsive Reading: 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 be startled and enlarged. *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.*

Piano Duet- Mathilda Bristol & Lori Free

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Sung Response: (p. 68)

*Light of the world, come near and bless your children here below,
Who in your house your name confess on us your grace bestow. Amen*

Offertory

Doxology

Scripture Lessons: - Ephesians 3: 1 – 12, Matthew 2: 1 – 12

Hymn #317 “Brightest and Best of the Stars”

Meditation

The Lord's Supper (Insert)

Postlude

WATCHWORD FOR THE EPIPHANY: “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” Isaiah 60: 1

TODAY

Time of Fellowship following Worship

MONDAY:

Pastor's Sabbath

WEDNESDAY:

10:00 a.m.

Elders Meeting

3:45 p.m.

After-School Program

THURSDAY:

Church Council Reports Due

SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH is the ‘Church of the Open Door.’ We hope you find our church open to you in every way!

MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH: In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 2024: "Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory." - 1 Timothy 3:16
CHURCH COUNCIL- Our Church Council takes place following the worship service and lunch on January 28. All reports must be submitted to the church office by this Thursday, January 11.

STARGAZING- Rev. Dan G. Olson

What is more fascinating than becoming engrossed in stargazing? Thus far, I've mastered identifying the Big Dipper, Orion's Belt and The North Star. To this day I cannot find The Little Dipper. It is a gift, however, to observe the vast tableau of God's fingerprints spread across the vaults of heaven in the form of stars. Perhaps you can identify.

For thousands of years people have been pondering the night sky. An array of knowledge has been garnered as a result. The constellations have been identified, for one thing. And, as a result of careful reflection, how we tell time and count years has been clarified. Over time, the abilities and skills of observation have taken quantum leaps, giving us the Webb Space Telescope as an example.

No finer astronomers can be found than "The Wisemen" (also known as The Three Kings) about whom we read in today's Gospel text from Matthew, chapter 2. They became entranced by an astounding star in the east and could not help but follow where it led. The focal point of that star was "the place where the child was". The wisemen could be considered the very first witnesses of Christ our Lord. For all its importance, however, it really wasn't about the star. Rather, the star reveals "The Light of the World."

You are invited also to follow the star, so that it may show you the way to the Babe in the Manger, Jesus, The Light of the World.