

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.

O tidings of comfort and joy. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution ~ Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

Joel Krott

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach BWV 751

BENEDICTION*

GREETING*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Those who are able are invited to stand

***Seating interlude

8:30 am Worship Ministry (Traditional, Sanctuary)

Welcome Desk Greeter: Matt Moxhay

Greeters: Elder Cheryl Gaskill; Trustee Jeff Legath; Stephen Minister Kim Murphy

Ushers: Jack Haag, Kevin Chumney, Jack Terry, Dave Barr, Brian Donahue, Mike McNeil

Sound Technician: Harris Ransom

Elders Serving Communion: Steve Engle, Cheryl Gaskill, Beth Lefferts, Joyce Peacock

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their wedding by Brian & Alene Dover.

Nursery Care is available in the Preschool area for those with young children (birth-age 4). The David Room (back of the Sanctuary) is available for parents with infants/toddlers. The worship service can be viewed via TV monitor.

Epiphany Concert: Please join us for a *Moravian Lovefeast* TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a musical conclusion to the Christmas season as our Choirs join forces in this historical worship form which involves choral and congregational singing and the serving of a simple, symbolic meal in the Sanctuary.

Next Sunday, January 12: Sermon title: *"What's the Problem?"*; Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40.

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Please Join Us for Worship

8:30 am Traditional (*Sanctuary*)

11:00 am Contemporary (*Miller Commons*)

GATHERING THOUGHT

THE FPCM WAY OF THE WEEK

2. **SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

"Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them." (Ephesians 4:29)

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior." (Ephesians 4:31)

"Instead we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, Who is the Head of the Body, the Church." (Ephesians 4:15)

Sunday, January 5, 2020
Epiphany of the Lord

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:30 am Sanctuary

WELCOME AND WORK OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Beadle:

Elder Beth Lefferts

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Kathy Gunsallus

Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern

Pachlbel

INTROIT

All Praise to Jesus’ Hallowed Name

J. S. Bach

Adult Choir/Grace Rykaczewski, Director

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Elder Lefferts

Praise the Lord! Let us worship and give God glory.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

What shall we render to the Lord of all the Lord’s bounty unto us?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

O magnify the Lord with me. Let us exult the name of the Lord together.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Let us worship God!

HYMN No. 163*

Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming

PRAYER OF ADORATION*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* (The Apostles’ Creed)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Lefferts

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in the beginning, You spoke and Creation was born, the object of Your loving care. In the fullness of time, You spoke; and the Word became flesh: Jesus, the gift of Your love. We wonder at the miracle of Creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us, Lord God, for our feeble faith, our empty hope, and our lack of love for You and others. This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent and personal confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ, the Lord.” Amen.

RESPONSE No. 805*

Glory Be to the Father

ANTHEM

Blessed Be That Maid, Marie

Traditional

Adult Choir

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (‘debts’)

Rev. Spencer

WAY OF THE WEEK

OFFERTORY

On Gazing at an Old Painting

Wolf

Joyce Michelfelder, Mezzo-soprano

RESPONSE No. 809*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11 (pg. 667 OT, Pew Bible)

SERMON

What’s My Comfort?

Rev. Spencer

Sermon Series: Finding Comfort

Q. What is your comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. In fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Rev. Spencer

Hymn, v. 1

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen. Let nothing you dismay.

Remember Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas day.

To save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray.