

*A special thank you to  
Caroline Rublein, our guest organist this morning.*

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Today:** Adult Sunday discussion group at 10:45 am in the library.  
Children's Sunday school following the Children's Message.  
*Remember to sign-up for Coralee's luncheon on the 16<sup>th</sup>.*

**Tuesday:** January 11<sup>th</sup> Church Council Meeting **via zoom** at 7:00 pm

### **OUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS:**

In a letter from our Susquehanna Conference, Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball look to support our in-person worship and gatherings with a mindfulness of rising COVID infections rates while following our Health Department guidance. As part of this, we at Park Forest Village United Methodist Church seek to ....

- Encourage mask-wearing for those able at church gatherings.
- Support those who are not feeling well or may be at risk with online worship opportunities.
- Practice maintaining distance between persons not of the same household.
- Avoid hugs and handshakes.
- Follow official CDC quarantine directives for anyone who has tested positive or been exposed to COVID.

### **INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES:**

Thank you! It is with the utmost gratitude we can announce that the HIS Wishing Well Campaign raised over \$41,000 this year. This is about \$1,000 more than last year. As these trying times continue to challenge us all, our donors, volunteer ringers, and sponsors have once again blessed us. Thank you all!

*Please take your poinsettia home on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for adding beauty to our sanctuary for the Christmas season.*

## **Park Forest Village United Methodist Church**

*Welcome to Worship!*

January 9, 2022  
Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord

9:30 am



***Our Mission is to provide a place for worship,  
fellowship and mission outreach.***

***For pastoral care contact Pastor Gregg at [gkohlhepp@susumc.org](mailto:gkohlhepp@susumc.org)  
or 814-404-0701***

## Gathering to Worship God

Prelude Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (L. Gottschalk)

Welcome/Announcements

\*\* Call to Worship

All creation proclaims the greatness and love of God.

**God's love illuminates even the deepest darkness.**

The light of God shines on us with new hope.

**We are called to be people of compassion and justice.**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to see you light and live in your hope.

**Prepare us for service to all your people and to this world. Amen.**

\*\* Opening Hymn We Three Kings #254

\*\*Opening Prayer

**Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today, that light comes to us as a star came to the magi traveling to Bethlehem, a light that comes to us from the heavens, celebrating the baptism of our Lord. Help us to join with the wise men, that our proclamations of the good news might be heard throughout the earth. Enlighten our lives, empowering us for the service of love. Amen**

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Sacredness of Offering and Reflection

Spirit of God (S. Ellson)

\*\*The Doxology

In the Bleak Midwinter p. 221 (verse 4)

**What can I give him, poor as I am?**

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;**

**If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;**

**Yet, what can I give him: give my heart.**

\*\* Prayer of Dedication

\*\* Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Canada

#883

\*\* The Hymn of Preparation

Breathe on Me Breath of God #420

(vs 1 and 3)

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43: 1-7 (OT) p. 822

Matthew 2: 1-12 (NT) p. 2

Luke 3: 15-17. 21:22 (NT) p. 73

The Message The Light Shines (or "Well Pleased")

Response to the Word

People of God, we are known and loved by the Creator.

**We are God's chosen ones, bringing hope and light to others.**

\*\* The Hymn of Dedication Go, Tell It on the Mountain #251  
(Verses 1 and 2)

\*\* The Benediction

\*\*Choral Response Go, Tell It on the Mountain #251  
(verse 3)

\*\*The Postlude Triumphant Finale (T. Bliss)

**\*\* Denotes standing as comfortable  
Please join us after the service for fellowship and refreshments.**