

*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 6, 2019—10:30 A.M.**

\*Denotes - *Those who are able may stand*

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**DOUBLE PRELUDE**

*“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”* by McDonald and  
*“Greensleeves”* by England/Rose Abernethy, Harp Soloist

\***PASTOR'S DECLARATION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

\***HYMN**

*“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

# 206 Blue Book

\***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*Responsively*)

Joye Lane, Liturgist

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth.

*Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

\***INTROIT**

Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Guest Director

\***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Responsively*)

Joye Lane, Liturgist

God of heaven and earth, you see all things. You know the depths of our hearts better than we can know ourselves. You know the great heights to which we aspire and the depth of our failures when we fall short.

*We ask, O God, for your mercy and forgiveness.*

Create in us the grace of Christ toward those with whom we disagree, just as He extended to those who conspired against Him,

*And forgive us for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness.*

Guide us to find you, to be surprised by the clarity with which you show up to heal us and to cleanse us from guilt and shame. Lift our eyes from the problems of our lives to see ways you want to make us whole.

*We ask all these things in the name of Christ who taught us to say: 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*

**IN THE LORD'S SERVICE**

**Acolyte(s):** Evie Belle Hight

**Cross Bearer:** Nate Misenheimer

**Elder(s):** Pat Bowers & Joye Lane

**Nursery Attendant:** Sonya Starnes

**Treasurer Assistant today:**

Joye Lane

**REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Liturgist:** Bruce Rockett

**Lay Reader:** Jayne Abernethy

**Treasurer Assistant:** Joye Lane

**Flower Calendar:**

Howard & Audrey Cooper



Mark Your Calendars:

- **Sunday, January 20th**—our Youth will sponsor a Potato/Salad Bar Fundraiser Lunch, immediately following Worship. Cost is by donations only. *All proceeds will go toward our 2019 Mission Trip for Carolina Coast Hurricane Disaster Relief. Please make plans to join us!*

**THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

All Church Members, Ministers

Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor

Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader

Marty Light, Organist

Joe Hart, Financial Secretary

Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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*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.*

\*PRAISE RESPONSE "Joy to the World" (vs #1) #171 Blue Book  
*Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*(Please be seated.)*

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) Todd Dickerson, Lay Reader  
*O Lord, our God, as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.  
Softener our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our  
minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our will that we may  
desire your ways. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-6 Todd Dickerson, Lay Reader  
The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM "Go Light Your World" by Chris Rice/arr by Benjamin Harlan  
Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Guest Director

\*GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12 Rev. Peggy Stout  
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
*All praise to you, Christ our Lord.*

SERMON Rev. Peggy Stout

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

ORGAN MEDITATION "Here I Am, Lord" Marty Light, Organist

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS Rev. Peggy Stout  
Jerry Mallonee Elder (to be ordained)  
Tony Wells Elder (to be ordained)  
Dennis Falder Elder  
Stephanie Anderson Deacon  
Linda Hill Deacon  
Sandy Lawrence Deacon  
Rockie Saine Deacon

ORGAN INTERLUDE "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr by Manning/Marty Light



# Faith Alive!

*Where Faith and Friends Meet!*

Please come back and join us **TONIGHT** at 5:00pm for "Faith Alive!" Worship!

**Youth:**

Our next Youth Confirmation Class will be held THIS Tuesday, January 8th at 6:00pm in Rev. Peggy's Office. We will be reviewing the Apostle's Creed and discussing pages 59-65 in our Confirmation books.



Our Church Staff will meet NEXT Sunday, January 13th at 11:45am in the Sun Room. We will have lunch and discuss calendar events from January—June 2019.

Chairpersons of ALL Program and Administrative Boards will meet on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:00pm. We will, also, be discussing calendar events from January—June 2019. Dinner will be provided.

Our next Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, January 16th from 2:30-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule your appointment, please contact Julie Kanipe at 828-464-4767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**Kidz Club:**

Our next Kidz Club Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 20th**, immediately following Worship.

We will be doing FROG (Fully Rely On God) Activities—with lunch, Bible Lesson, Craft, and a trip to Sweet Frog! Children will need to bring \$5.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Service to be held on Sunday, January 20th at 6:00pm—at Covenant Christian Church (2968 Hughey Dr—Newton, NC)

Host Bishop—Rev. Don W. Bledsoe & Host Pastor—Rev. Ron M. Carson



**OLD TESTAMENT READING**     *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

**\*GOSPEL READING**     *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, <sup>2</sup>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.' <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> "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." ' <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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.' <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
***All praise to you, Christ our Lord!***

**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are notebooks provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take the notes up after the service and mail them directly to the person's home.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits**

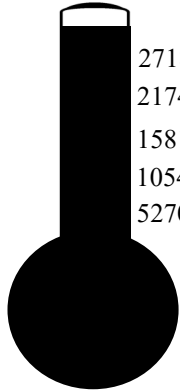
<p><b><u>HOSPITALIZATIONS</u></b> Caroline Bryan—ICU, Catawba RJ York—Catawba, Rm 318</p> <p><b><u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u></b> Melanie McLendon Mary Schell Sarah Hoffman Garland &amp; Darlene Whittaker</p> <p><b><u>HOMEBOUND</u></b> Peggy Miller Odessa Whitmire Paul &amp; Lula Towery Mary Tuttle Martha Sigmon Bobbie Whisenant Wanda Sue Ammerman</p>	<p><b><u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u></b> <b><u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u></b> Joan Williamson—Rm 240 Peggy Hollis</p> <p><b><u>CONOVER REHAB</u></b> Martha Null—Rm 406B</p> <p><b><u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u></b> Mike Kilby Peggy Smith Wally Davis</p>
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**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to the family of Terry Settlemyre. Terry passed away on Monday, December 31st. A funeral service was held at Trinity this past Thursday.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Jeff & Elizabeth Jackson on the loss of Elizabeth's brother, Jonathan Paige on December 28. A memorial service was held on January 1st at Antioch Baptist Church in Taylorsville.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Ivey & Betty Curlee on the loss of Betty's sister, Mary Smith Roseman on January 1st. A private graveside service for family and friends was conducted by Rev. Dr. William Seaman, former pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hickory.



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<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER</u>							
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving	
December 02	12	139	46	197	50	\$ 5,545.00	
December 09	—	—	—	—	—	—	
December 16	17	145	60	222	53	\$ 9,944.00	
December 23	—	161	—	161	39	\$ 3,464.00	
December 30	—	97	—	97	—	\$ 12,073.07	
<b>TOTALS</b>	29	542	106	677	142	\$ 31,026.07	

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747 and for a five week month is \$27,184\*.

## This Week

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

#### Epiphany Sunday

9:15am—S.S. Assembly  
9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)  
10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
11:45am—Consistory Meeting  
5:00pm—“Faith Alive!” Worship & Refreshments

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

5:30pm—Take down Christmas Tree  
(helpers are needed)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

5:15pm—Board of Property Meeting  
5:30pm—Board of Evangelism Mtg.  
6:00pm—Youth Confirmation Class

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00pm—Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.  
6:00pm—Sweet Adelines’  
7:00pm—Board of Christian Ed Mtg.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

#### The Baptism of Christ

9:15am—S.S. Assembly  
9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)  
10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
11:45am—Church Staff Meeting  
\*NO “Faith Alive!” Worship Tonight!

**THANK YOU** so much for your gift at Christmas. Thank you even more for the love you have shown me over the past seven months. Every week I go home with such a warm feeling. I am truly blessed to be able to spend this time with you.

- Martha Caldwell

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Peggy Stout

#### Invitation

#### The Words of Institution

#### Prayer of Consecration

#### Communion

#### Sharing of the Bread

#### Sharing of the Cup

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love and strengthened by your life.

*Now, send us forth to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

#### Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

**Offertory** “First Arabesque” by Debussy/Rose Abernethy, Harp Soloist

\***Doxology** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” Marty Light

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### \*Offertory Prayer

\***HYMN** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” #659 Blue Book

\***BENEDICTION** Rev. Peggy Stout

\***CHORAL RESPONSE** Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Guest Director

\***CHIMES**

\***POSTLUDE** “March of the Three Kings” arr by E Broughton/Marty Light, Organist



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given in Love and in Honor of my mother, Essie Weaver.  
- Given by Dianne Propst

THE ROSE on the piano today is given in Love and in Remembrance of my father, C. Douglas Smith’s birthday on January 6th. - Given by Debbie Rockette