



Opening Worship Song.....*"Great Are You Lord"*

Welcome & Invocation.....*Denny Scalise*

Prelude.....*"Oceans"*.....*Linda Morey*

Old Testament Reading (Psalm 29).....*Maddie White*

Praise & Worship.....*"I Will Follow"*  
*"Oceans"*

Prayer.....*Mary Montgomery*

Kids' Talk.....*Scott Askins*

Hymn #252.....*"When Jesus Came to Jordan"*  
(Sung to the tune of *Stand Up for Jesus*)

Offertory/Offering.....*"Jesus Messiah"* .....*Linda Morey*

Doxology/Blessing of Gifts

New Testament Reading (Mark 1:1-11)

Message.....*Rev. Harold Blair*

*Off Road with Jesus*

Communion  
Communion Song.....*"Jesus Messiah"*

Responding to God's Love.....*"One Thing Remains"*

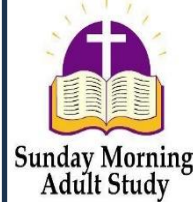
Benediction/Blessing

Exit Song.....*"Sing to the King"*

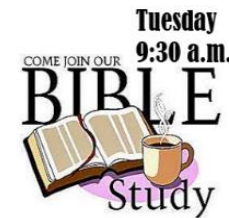


Due to those going on the Dominican Republic Mission Trip, we will have a one-room Sunday school class for the kids on Sunday, January 7 and January 14. **This Sunday we will study Genesis Chapters 27 & 28 (Jacob's Ladder). God's love is always with us.**

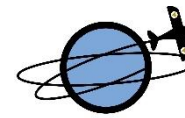
## All Are Welcome



The Adult Sunday school class with Denny Scalise resumed today. Feel free to join in. It begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings.



The 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning Bible Study with Elna Morton will resume on Tuesday, January 9.



Please pray for the following people who traveled on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. They left Jan. 6 and will return on Jan. 13.

### MISSION TRIP

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bev Caldwell  
Trevor Carnes  
Ava Carnes  
Paul DeAngelo  
Molly DeAngelo  
Liz Doleski  
Sue Fuller  
Cindy Furey  
Lia Hackenberg  
Rev. Tim Hoover  
Jim Loeffler

Ryan Nuhfer  
William Nuhfer  
Sue Scalise  
Julia Stranahan  
Terry Young  
Patty Young  
Laura Young  
Adam Young  
Ava Young  
Lucas Young  
Brennan Young



## Un-Decorate the Church

After worship today, please stay and help us un-decorate the church!



It's a family night! All are invited to go see an Erie Otter's Game on Saturday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$10/person. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. We will start collecting the money in January – so stay tuned. If you have any questions see Jerry Bollinger.

## 2024 GIVING ENVELOPES

For those who receive Giving Envelopes - you'll find your **2024 envelopes are in your mail slot or on the table in front of the mail slots.** If we missed you, there is a sign-up sheet if you'd like to receive them. If you are unable to come to church to pick them up, please call the church office in January and we'll find a way to get them to you.

Thank you - The Finance Committee

### ATTENDANCE PADS

Please sign the pad and pass it along!



# Epiphany and Baptism of our Lord

Today Christians remember the coming of the Magi to visit Jesus, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The word "epiphany," means appearance or manifestation.

The arrival of these visitors was a sign that the incarnation of God in Christ had been made known and was recognized by the heavens to the whole world, so that even Gentile wise men from the East came to pay him homage. This is an observance of great majesty, solemnity and awe.

Epiphany originally focused on the nativity, God's incarnation (God made flesh) in the birth of Jesus Christ, and Christ's baptism and later developed as a season of baptismal preparation. Epiphany became associated with baptism. This is why we see images of the three Magi on many older baptismal fonts.

## Donut Sunday



Next Sunday, January 14, we'll have donuts, a beverage and lots of fellowship. Please join us.



It's a **Women of Worship Game Day** on Saturday, January 20 from 10 am to 1 pm in the multipurpose room. Bring a friend, your favorite game and a snack!

Coming  
Wed., Feb. 7

Wednesday Evening  
**Lenten Bible Study and dinner!**



There will be a Trustee meeting on Sunday, January 14 directly after worship to elect officers.



**Running the Race with Confidence** with keynote speaker, Lisa Burkhardt-Worley. This is a WCTL- Rejoice-Refresh-Renew Event for women. It will be held at Erie First Assembly on Sat., March 16 from 9am-3pm. Info on WCTL.org

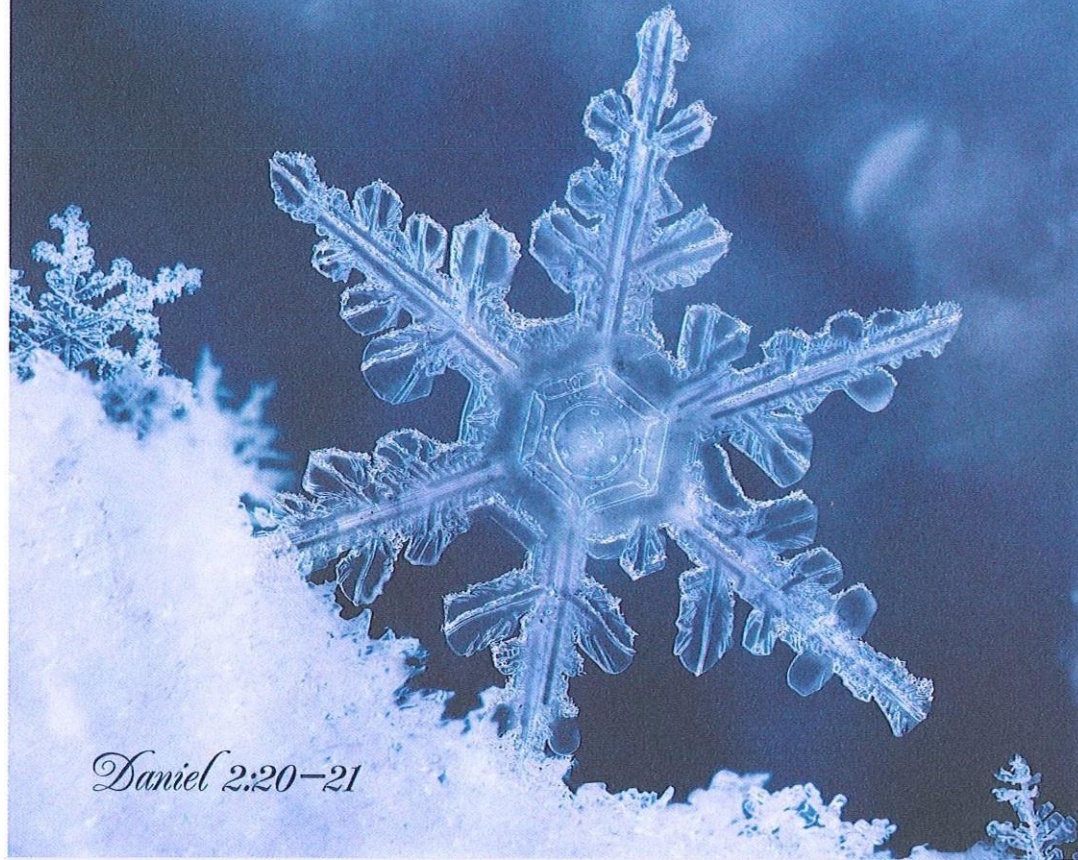
Are you pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees and looking for scholarships? If you go to [gbhem.org](http://gbhem.org) which is the United Methodist Higher Education & Ministry website, you will find over 80 scholarships. Applications open in December. All complete & qualified applications are reviewed and placed for consideration in the best available scholarship program.



Everyone loves to see and hear about what the church has been up to. So, if you would like something displayed on the overheard screen, please have it to us no later than Thursday morning or speak with Linda Morey. Sorry, but no photos will be added after 9:30 am Sunday morning. Feel free to send the photo or announcement to her by e-mail: [lindamorey2348@gmail.com](mailto:lindamorey2348@gmail.com) We know that some events happen on a Saturday and you would like to share your pictures on Sunday – all we ask is a courtesy call or a heads up to Linda by calling her at 814-746-2120 so arrangements can be made prior to Sunday.

# Blessed be the name of God

*for ever and ever:  
for wisdom and might are his:  
And he changeth the times and the seasons.*



*Daniel 2:20-21*

# COMMUNION SERVICE

## *Epiphany and Baptism of our Lord*

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.

***And also, with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, making covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus the Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where Jesus was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his light.

In his baptism and in fellowship Jesus took his place with sinners. Your Spirit anointed him to preach the good news to the poor; to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

### PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray Our 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***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 table has been prepared and the invitation given, let the children of God now come in thanksgiving and joy to partake.

### RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP