

Epiphany Sunday

January 9, 2022 | 8:45 and 11:00 am

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *In The Bleak Midwinter* | arr. John A. Dempsey

INTROIT *What Star Is This* | Michael Praetorius

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to your light
and rulers to the brightness of your rising.**

Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

**Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.**

*HYMN 150 *As with Gladness Men of Old* | DIX

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 86

The People Who Walked in Darkness, v.1 | ISAIAH 9

The people who walked in darkness

Awaken to see a great light.

The people who dwelt in the land of the shadow

Rise to a star shining bright.

His name is Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God.

Father forever, Prince of Peace.

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PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:1-12

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *The Wexford Carol* | arr. Charles Floyd and Yo-Yo Ma

SERMON TEXT Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON *Paying Homage* | The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Colossians 1:15–20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;**

**in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.**

All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things,

and in him all things hold together.

He is head of the body, the church;

he is the beginning,

the firstborn of the dead,

so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

*HYMN SB 8 *Born From a Star* | Carol Ann Camp

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 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.

CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *A Word About the Star* | Jennifer Daniels

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FROM WORSHIP TO SERVICE

*HYMN 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* | KINGS OF ORIENT
Refrain after first and last verses only

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *In Thee Is Gladness* | Charles W. Ore

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr., Pastor

The Rev. Katie Robb Davis, Associate Pastor

Kiersten Hill, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Christine Gaudreau, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Wil Smith, Organist

Patrick Lee, Pianist

Confluence: William Perkins, Paul Day-Lucore, John Ruby

Sara Michael, Delci Lutes, Brendan Schuster and Eric McConnell, vocalists

Bill Davis, cello

Steve Cearley, Bill Davis & Don Harlacher, Production

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* The Congregation is invited to stand. **Bold Print** indicates congregational participation

Welcome visitors! Thank you for coming to Wellshire this morning. We are glad you're here:

Join us after worship for a cup of coffee in the Narthex, right outside the Sanctuary.

Childcare is located on the lower level of the building. Don't hesitate to ask for directions.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the usher's table.

We'd Love to be in Touch!

If this is your first visit or you need to update your contact information, please fill in this form. Tear off this panel and place it in the offering plate.

Name(s) _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Comment _____

Please add my email address to the weekly eNewsletter list.

OR, point your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right and fill out the short Visitor Information Form. We would love to stay in touch with you!



CALENDAR

- JAN 23** Membership Exploration Class
- JAN 30** Used Book Sale
- FEB 13** Youth Sunday
- MAR 2** Ash Wednesday
- MAR 6** First Sunday in Lent
- APR 17** Easter Sunday

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School Classes: 9:45-10:45 am

Clif's Notes: The Book of Revelation Room 206: What does Revelation say about the times we were living in, and God's power in the face of our fear and uncertainty?

Abide in Jesus: Room 207: We begin reflecting on spiritual disciplines and how they relate to our individual strengths and gifts, using the book, *Sacred Rhythms: Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation*, by Ruth Haley Barton. There will be copies available in class but the book is not necessary for participation.

The Difficult Words of Jesus. Room 208. Beginning January 16. Author/scholar/teacher Dr. Amy-Jill Levine calls us to "'wrestle' with some of Jesus's more confusing, controversial, and historically damage-inflicting words as recorded in the Gospels." Class Facilitator: Rita Stagg. Books are available but not required.

Children's Sunday School

Children, toddler through 5th grade meet downstairs in their classrooms from 9:45-10:15 am, followed by choir practice from 10:15-10:45 am.

Membership Exploration Class

Membership at Wellshire is open to ALL who affirm faith in Jesus Christ! Join the pastors for coffee and an informal information session and get-to-know-you. Sunday, January 23 at 9:45. Those interested in this formal commitment to faith in community would join in worship on Sunday, January 30. Contact: Rev. Katie Robb Davis at krobbdavis@wpcdenver.org.

Used Book Sale

Sunday, January 30. Donations of used books may be left in the church library with a note designating their purpose.

Cleaning Supply Donations

In January we are collecting cleaning supplies for Family Homestead, which provides transitional housing for families experiencing homelessness. Family Homestead offers families a stable environment in private apartments while working with them to resolve the issues that led to homelessness. Needed supplies include dishwashing liquid, scrubby sponges, all-purpose cleaner, brooms and dustpans, mops, and buckets.

Marshall Fire Relief

The Local Mission Team is working with the Presbytery of Plains & Peaks on appropriate relief efforts for those affected by the recent fire. We are patiently exploring financial assistance for mental health care and volunteer possibilities. Please pray for all involved. You may make a contribution to Wellshire with "Marshall Fire" in the memo now or later as our plans develop.



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