

January 05, 2025

9:00 AM

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "The Road is not Straight" Rev. Jamie Booth

PASTORAL PRAYER

COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: "This Little Light of Mine" UMH #585

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL AMEN

POSTLUDE



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME/OPENING WORDS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING MUSIC: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH #230

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Liturgist: How did you get here?

People: I walked, eyes looking up, following the star.

Pastor: I ran, lunging for a love that is bigger than me.

People: I tumbled and fell, tender step after tender step.

Pastor: I ambled like a river, caught up in God’s flow.

People: I crawled, kissing the earth below me.

Liturgist: Tell me again. How did you get here?

People: I am here by God’s grace and love’s pull.

Liturgist: Welcome home. This is God’s house.

Pastor: There is room for you here.

People: Let us worship our gracious God.

HYMN: “What Child Is This” UMH #219

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: God of new beginnings, We admit that we often follow the well-worn path, simply because others have been there before. Sometimes this is holy and humble, but there are days when a new path needs to be tread.

On those new-beginning days, O God, give us the courage to follow your star.

Give us the courage to go home by another way.

Give us the courage to kick up some dust and walk in a new direction for the sake of justice, love, and neighbor.

For when you are doing a new thing, we want to have the courage to follow.

With hope in our hearts we wander, we travel.

Amen.

Pastor: Dear travelers, No matter the roads you’ve taken, the steps you’ve made, or the paths you’ve traveled, there is nowhere you could go that would land you outside of God’s love.

Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: Regardless of the path we travel, of how lost we may get, or the twists and turns along the way, we do not walk alone.

We are loved. We are forgiven.

We have every chance to begin again.

Thanks be to God for a love like that!

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

HYMN: “Home By Another Way” Insert

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship: Join us after the worship service in Bowe Center for refreshments TODAY. We have some delicious snacks for you to enjoy.

Food, Faith, Friends: Please join us for Food, Faith, Friends on Tuesday, January 7, from 11:30-1:00 pm. We will be having chili, potato soup, salad, bread and dessert. Suggested donation for the food is \$5.00. There is a sign-up sheet available for this event or contact the church office (480)946-5301.

January Fieldtrip and Lunch: On Saturday, January 11, we will go to Liberty Wildlife at 2600 E. Elwood St., Phoenix. We will have lunch at Philly Affairs at 1024 E. Buckeye Suite 180, Phoenix. Liberty Wildlife is a non-profit rescue, rehabilitation, education and conservation organization. Tucked inside Phoenix city lines, we have an amazing backdrop along the Rio Salado. Tour through our sustainable building and get a glimpse of how our hospital treats the sick, injured and orphaned wildlife that arrive daily. Also walk through our education trail where you will see non-releasable birds of prey, including native hawks, owls and even bald and golden eagles. Each day that we are open to the public there are a variety of programs. You'll get an up close experience with some of the wildlife that we care for. The cost for this event is \$10 general admission. For those who want to carpool, we will meet at the church at 9:30 am to arrive at Liberty Wildlife around 10:00 am. We will then go to Philly Affairs for lunch at 11:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet for this event.

Food, Faith, Friends: Please join us for Food, Faith, Friends on Tuesday, January 21, from 11:15-1:30 pm. We will be having pizza, salad, popcorn, and dessert. Please arrive by 11:15 am to get your food and seat so we can start the movie at 11:30 am. We will be showing the movie "Jesus Revolution". A pastor in Costa Mesa (Kelsey Grammer) is concerned about the counterculture's obsession with drugs and loose sex, but also his dying church that isn't connecting with the youth. His daughter (Ally Ioannides) brings home a hippie "Jesus freak" (Jonathan Roumie) and he sees that he's genuine and gifted. The team-up sparks a movement that spreads for the next several years. A suggested donation for food is \$5.00. There is a sign-up sheet for the movie or contact the church office at 480-946-5301.

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The Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Half Marathon and 10k will take place on Sunday, January 19th, 2025. There will also be a 5k that starts and finishes on the Mill Ave. Bridge on Saturday, January 18th, 2025. Course and road closure information will be posted as it becomes available, please continue to check back. For questions, alternate directions or concerns please email: community.cgi@ironman.com or call 623-252-2485.

Prayer Pads: On January 19 when we start the church's second century, the church's new prayer pads will be introduced. The new prayer pads, with tear off sheets, will help you remember those on your prayer list. Write the names on the prayer list and place under a magnet on your refrigerator or some prominent place each week. Church magnets are available if you need one. Everyone will get a prayer pad to take home. If you aren't able to come to church and want a prayer pad, please contact the church office and one will be mailed to you. Please let the church office know if your prayer life has improved by using the prayer pads.

Food, Faith, Friends: Please join us for Food, Faith, Friends on Tuesday, February 4, from 11:15-1:30 pm. We will be having pizza, salad, popcorn, and dessert. Please arrive by 11:15 am to get your food and seat so we can start the movie at 11:30 am. We will be showing the movie "Still; Michael J. Fox Movie". *Still: A Michael J. Fox Movie* is a 95-minute documentary about Michael Fox's life and career. The film, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2023, promises an intimate, inspiring and often humorous look at Fox's extraordinary life, which has been drastically impacted by Parkinson's disease.. A suggested donation for food is \$5.00. There is a sign-up sheet for the movie or contact the church office at 480-946-5301. **THIS MOVIE IS RATED R BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE.**

On Tuesday, February 18, we will show the movie The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.