

EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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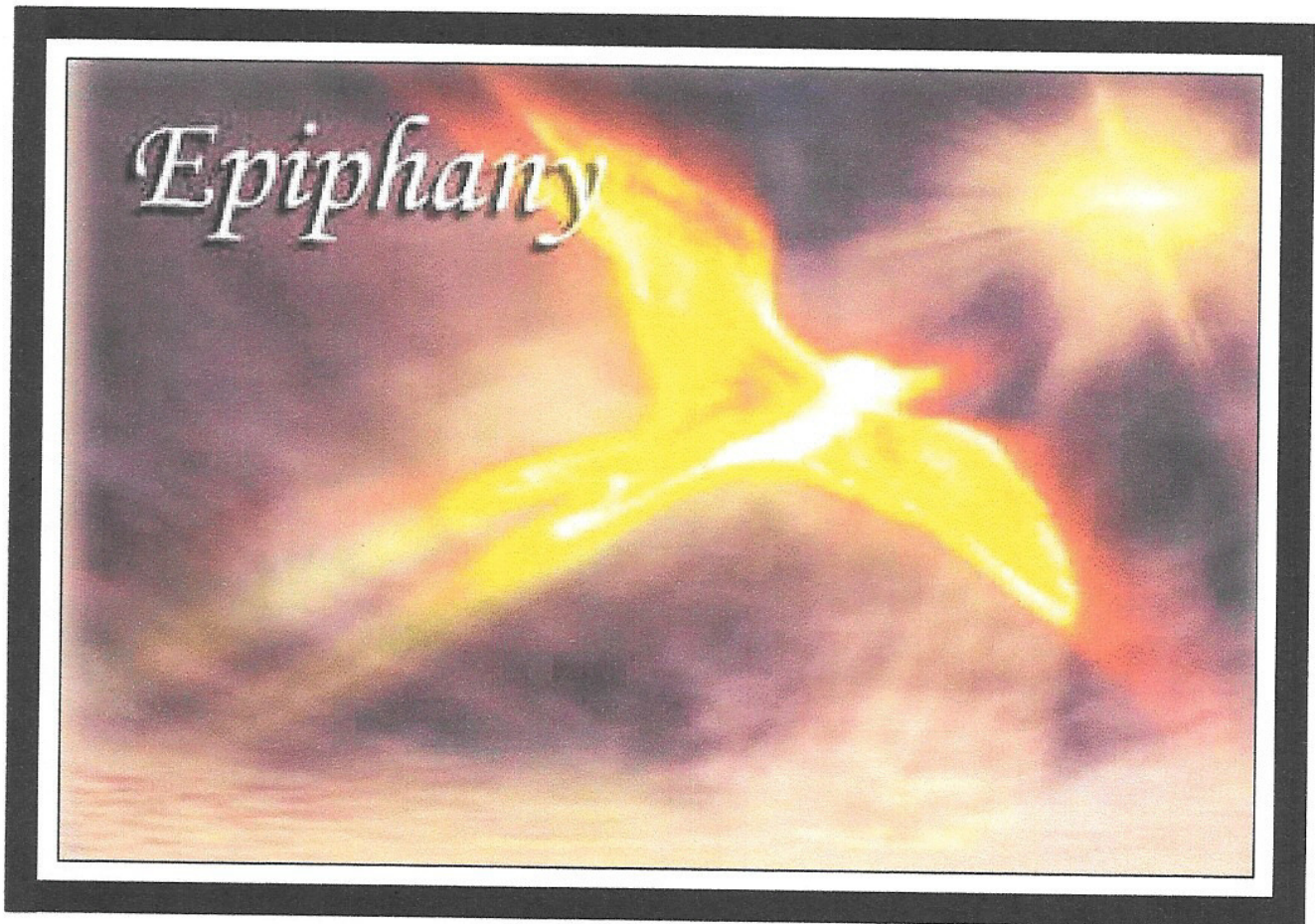
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"SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST"

Rev. Jeff Glandon - Pastor



Epiphany / Communion Sunday

"The Least of These"

January 1, 2017

LARGE PRINT

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion: First Sunday of Every Month

SERVING THIS MORNING

Head Ushers: John & Barb Holtzclaw

Liturgist: Kurt Grathwohl

Organist: Eula Gowan **Choir Director:** Marilyn Williams

† Please Stand As You Are Able

P=People

L= Liturgist

GATHERING TOGETHER AND SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE

Bringing in the light, Prelude, Welcome, Passing of the Peace

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Sourcebook*

L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

P: **We are gathered in Your house, O God, to celebrate the light.**

L: Jesus said, "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

P: **We praise You, Lord Jesus, for illuminating our path and helping us master our fear of the dark, even the dark tunnel of death.**

L: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to Your Father in heaven."

ALL: **Spirit of God, empower our witness to the Light, in this service of worship and in our whole beings, as women and men claimed by the Light. Amen.**

† **PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *Sourcebook*

ALL: **Holy God, in this season that commemorates the life and ministry of Jesus, remind us that His ministry is always and ever actively reaching out towards us. And in this hour of worship, help us to be open to the challenges of His words, the power of His healing, and the opportunity to labor alongside Him as both Savior and friend. In His holy name. Amen.**

† **Opening Hymn:** *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"*

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURES

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament

Hebrew Scripture: *Psalm 8*
New Testament Reading: *Revelations 21: 1-6*

Choir Song: *"Follow"*

Joining the Church through Acclamation of Faith

Special Reading: *Matthew 25: 31-46*
Sermon: *"The Least of These"*

† Hymn of Response: *"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

RESPONDING WITH OUR PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns of our Worshiping Family

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Sung Prayer Response:

ALL: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, and Grant Us Thy Peace. Amen.

UCC Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed*

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music

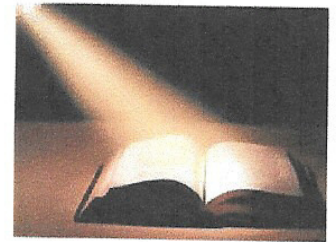
† DOXOLOGY

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all Creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Giver of all life, thank you for the gift of life and for all gifts. Please take our offerings
and our lives and use them in Your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS



pg 492 OT
pg. 259 NT

Wilson & Knox

John Holtzclaw

Pastor Jeff

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Back of Red Hymnal

Call to Confession

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Sourcebook*

ALL: God of Eternal hope, You place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We cover our light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with case and concern and miss the reach of the stars. We fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing Your outstretched hand. We forget that there is never a moment that You are not with us, that Your Son was called Immanuel, which means “God with us.” Shine Your light on our path and walk with us through all our valleys with the sun at our backs. Amen.

Time of Silent reflection before God.

Assurance of God’s Grace

Glory Be To the Father “*Gloria Patri*”

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

GOD SHARES WITH US

Invitation

HOLY COMMUNION

“Inner circle is Grape Juice, Outer circle is wine”.

Communion Prayer:

ALL: Most Holy Lord, we come to Your table for hope and healing. Come to us through this bread and wine. Strengthen us in body, mind and spirit to do Your will in the world. As we gather at your table, make us, who are many, one with You. Draw our hearts and minds into such communion with You and with one another that we may be living songs of Your love in the world. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Gracious God, Thank You for setting us free to become what You intend: a people grounded in the love of Jesus and confident of Your abiding presence. With thanksgiving, we give ourselves to You, to one another and to the world in humble witness, generous service and joyful praise. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

† Closing Hymn: *Lead On, O King Eternal*”

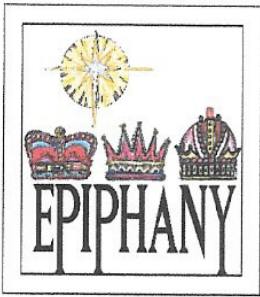
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† Benediction

Pastor Jeff

† Dismissal: Go now in peace, Never be afraid,
Go now in peace, In faith and in love.

Postlude



WE JOYFULLY WELCOME all who have come to celebrate God's best gift to all of humanity, Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Let every voice be lifted up in singing and praying as we focus upon the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World. We're so glad you're here today.

The Peace of the Lord Be With You!

WE WELCOME John Holtzclaw this morning through Acclamation of Faith! We receive you into the family of God's Church, with Love and Joy!

NEWSLETTER: The January 2017 Newsletters are now available on the table in back of the Sanctuary. Please help yourself.

THE HEAD USHER sign up sheet for 2017 is being passed around this morning. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider signing up for this service to your church. Thank You

BUDGET ENVELOPES for 2017 offerings are now available on the table in back of the Sanctuary.

UPPER ROOMS for Jan. - Feb are now also available on the table in back of the Sanctuary.

YOGA - Tuesday Jan. 3 and Thurs. Jan. 5 at 8:45am in the Lay Center.

REMOVING THE GREENS We will be taking down all the Christmas decorations next Sat. Jan. 7, at 10:00am. Your helping hands are needed! Thanks

RILEY EQUINE CENTER BENEFIT CHILI AND SOUP SUPPER has been rescheduled for next Sat. Jan 7, in the Ed. Bldg. Serving from 5-8pm. \$9.00 - Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 and under. Tickets available at the door.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION will be next Sunday, Jan. 8...There is a special box/basket in back of the Sanctuary for your food and monetary donations. Please do not put your money donations in the offering plate. Thank You

NOTE: THE 2017 CHURCH DIRECTORY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN BACK OF THE SANCTUARY, FOR PREVIEWING ON the next two Sundays, JAN. 8 & 15. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR INFO IS CORRECT.

Jennifer will also be working on the Liturgist schedule. Please note the schedule will remain the same as last year, unless you let her know no later than Wednesday, Jan. 4, that you would like to be added or removed.

LIFE LINE SCREENINGS on Friday, Jan 27 from 9am-5pm. If you are interested in signing up and receiving your \$10 discount as a member of EUCC, please pick up a pink copy with add'l info included, on the table in back of the church. They will be having the screenings here in our Ed. Bldg

IN HIS SERVICE

Head Ushers for January

John & Barb Holtzclaw

January Council Rep

Paul Henry

January 8

Liturgist - Travis Overstreet

January 15

Liturgist - Gale Boller

January 22

Liturgist - Ken Hirlinger

January 29

Liturgist - Russ Bradshaw

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 8-14

Sunday, Jan 8

10:30am WORSHIP

Food Pantry Collection

Mon. Jan. 9 - Office Closed

Tues. Jan. 10 - Office Closed

8:45am - Yoga

6pm - Ministerial All. Mtg.

Wed. Jan. 11 - Office Open

8am - Men's Fellowship

5:15pm Choir Prac.

Thurs. Jan. 12 - Office Closed

8:45am - Yoga

Friday, Jan. 13 - Office Open

1:15pm Women's Fellowship @

Betty Clark's home.

Please call Carolyn Koerner to start the Prayer Circle at 882-7967. Prayers to the prayer list may also be added by calling the Church Office at 882-5501.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jane Stevens, Neva Davis, Bud Overstreet, Robin Gerke, Mike Overstreet, George Chamberlain, Mindy Nave, Payten Houston, (Roy and Janice Cary's granddaughter) Kathi Reed, Cacky Neckermann and Ruth Zeller

Please let the church office know if these names are correct, and/or if any need to be updated or removed.

Thanks

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

- * All those who may be struggling with illnesses, losses, financial difficulties, etc.
 - * All those who are home or nursing home bound.
 - * Those serving in the armed forces and their families.
 - * For Raj, his family and their continued ministry.
 - * The Earth, our leaders and everyone in our Country and throughout the world.
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Birthdays & Anniversaries Jan. 1-7

Birthdays: Jan. 3 - Tanner Drechsel; Jan. 4 - Micah Dilse;

Jan. 6 - Kristen Hirlinger & Carolyn Koerner

Anniversary: Jan. 2 - Roy & Janice Cary

FOR THE RECORD

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	\$ 2026.00	Attn: 75
End of Year Contributions		
Dec. 30	\$ 345.71	Enervest - \$170.71
		Schrader Mem \$25.00
Dec. 30	\$ 50.00	
