

EPIPHANY

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

January 6, 2013

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music

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## The Approach to God

PRELUDE

*"St. Anne Reflections"*

L. Cornwall, Organ

VOTUM

INTROIT

*"This Is the Day"*

Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

**The Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of  
your dawn.**

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.

**A multitude of camels shall cover you, all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #138

*"Light of the World"*

\*SALUTATION

EPIPHANY PRAYER

(unison)

Leading Lord, like the seekers of your nativity who found you, not as they may have expected, but as you are, grant that we too may find and behold your glory and your humility. Grant that we too may seek you boldly, worship you sincerely, and rejoice as you cause your grace and goodness to grow in our lives. In the hope of the eternal Christ we pray, Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

*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. Amen.*

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**     *“Mary, Did You Know?”*     Bob Dey, Soloist

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**The Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**     Matthew 2:1-12     (Page 1 New Testament)

**MOMENT FOR CHILDREN**

**\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*HYMN #176**     *“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

**SERMON**     *“Epiphany”*

**Our Response to God**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**     Apostles’ Creed     (Page 12 hymnal)

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Exhortation to Self-Examination**

**Prayer of Confession**     (silent)

**\*Hymn #148**     *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

**Invitation**

**Communion Prayer**

**Communion**

(Please retain the elements until all have been served.  
Cups on the outside ring contain wine)

**Communion Anthems**

**Communion Thanksgiving**     **Responsive Reading #25**     p. 495

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #174**

*"As with Gladness Men of Old"*

**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

*"Amen"*

Chancel Choir  
Smallwood

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

### TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Jane & Jeff DeWitt

Ushers: Nancy Dey, Pete & Barbara Nickel, Heidi Wilson

Nursery: Andy & Katharine Hoyt

Fellowship: Mike, Becky, Mandy & Meredith Shafer

Next week's Stewards:

Greeter: Clair Coddington

Ushers: Jane & Jeff DeWitt, Walt & Lucy Paradies

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship:

### SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT

Come and join us this evening at 6:30 as we gather in a circle in the sanctuary for our monthly Sunday Evening Prayer Service, which will include the Celebration of Holy Communion. From now on we will meet on the first Sunday evening of the month.

### EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at the Olive Garden in Crossroads in Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

### CONSISTORY

Lisa Ellison, Doug Sonderfan and Duane Woodward have been selected to serve terms on the Consistory. They will be installed in January. If there are any scriptural objections to their serving, please contact a present Consistory member or the pastor.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for Worship Assistants for the coming several months.

### MISSION FOR JANUARY

Our RCA missionaries, Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather, serving South Sudan, are our mission emphasis for January. They work with RECONCILE, (Resource Centre for Civil Leadership), an indigenous ecumenical Christian organization, promoting peace-building by providing training in trauma recovery, conflict transformation, and civic education. RECONCILE's activities are in areas of high inter-ethnic conflict, with the churches often being the typical point of entry into these communities. Shelvis and Nancy will participate in RECONCILE's training events that address inter-ethnic conflict. Shelvis will be the principal of the Peace Institute, which offers three-month courses in community-based trauma healing, peace studies, and conflict transformation.

### FOOD PANTRY

The following is needed at the food pantry: tomato sauce, beef stew, chili, ravioli/spaghettios, tea/coffee, and canned milk. We also need paper goods like toilet paper.

### OPEN ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our free Open Art Workshop which meets every Friday from 1 – 3. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and it is open to anyone, both inside and outside the church. Participants should bring any creative project in any medium and all their own supplies. Donations are optional.

The Record We Wrote: December 31, 2012

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Expenses:	\$24,938	\$272,810
Income:	\$19,492	\$259,148
Capital Cam:	\$18,696	\$58,072