

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!

Help carry one another's burden, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Paul Buskey	Mary Lipscomb
Steve Chaplin	Debbie Lucas
Grayson Coleman	Sarah MacCorkle
Bill Clark	James Mayo
Lyle Crossman	Danny McClung
Sam Hall	Linda McGee
Gary Hartley	Pete Norcross
Adam Hoofnagle	Heather Pace
Gladys Kuehne	El & Maryanne Pultz
Sergei Kuehne	Keith & Barbara Putbrese
Vera Kuehne	Jessica Whitesell
Sarah Lanaghan	Pastor Luther Witt & Judy

Congregation Members with Special Needs:

Steve Heizer

Those in Military Service:

Adam Hoofnagle, Albert Miller Jr., Robert & Sharon Miller, Wayne Perez, Markus Strecker, Ben Switzer, Clint Taylor

Our College Students:

Brett Turpin

Our Missions Near & Far:

WRE, RARA, Gideons International, Relay for Life, Young Life, Theological Seminaries, Habitat for Humanity, Blue Ridge Food Bank, Kings Way Help Center, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Massanetta Springs, Rockbridge Area Hospice, Samaritan's Purse, Living Waters of the World

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, January 2, 2022 — 2nd Sunday of Christmas

9:30AM Sunday School—Week 1 of Luke Reassurance

11:00AM Worship Service

THURSDAY, January 6, 2022 — Epiphany

11:00AM Memorial Service for Bill Peel

SUNDAY, January 9, 2022 — 3rd Sunday of Christmas

9:30AM Sunday School—Week 2 of Luke Reassurance

11:00AM Worship Service

Ordination and Installation Elders & Trustees

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The usher for January—Donna Lanaghan

February 6th— Annual Congregational Meeting

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany The word epiphany means “manifestation” or “revelation.” When Christians talk about Epiphany, we are referring to the three wise men or the Magi’s revelation that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah that Israel had been waiting for (Matthew 2:1-12). On this day, we recognize the wise men’s journey to see, worship, and bring gifts to “the one...born king of the Jews” (Matthew 2:2). The festival commemorating Epiphany is Jan. 6 and is also called Three Kings Day.

Epiphany celebrates Jesus' outward and visible expression of love for us.

Why does the Epiphany matter?

Christ's birth was a big deal for the wise men, and it is a big deal for us. At its essence, Epiphany celebrates Jesus' outward and visible expression of love in leaving His rightful place in heaven to live as a human and become the sacrifice for our sins. The Magi, wise men who studied the stars and were considered sinners, represent Jesus' ability to draw all types of people to Him. He is a Savior who came for all people, including each one of us.

News & announcements for Sunday's **BULLETIN** must be sent **by Wednesday** of each week.

The deadline for **NEWSLETTER** submissions is the 22nd of each month.

Psalm 72:1-4, 11-14

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
- 11 May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.
- 12 For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
- 14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

Isaiah 60:1-4,6

- 1 Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- 2 For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- 3 Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- 4 Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on nurses' arms.
- 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

*'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.