

Worship Notes

We extend a warm welcome to our guests this morning!

We are very happy that you are in worship with us. Your presence has made this day more meaningful!

If this is your first time at Millbrook Baptist, or if you are a regular visitor, please sign the lavender welcome card located in the pew card rack and include the requested information so that we may welcome you more personally and provide you with information about our church. You may fold the card and place it in the offering plate when passed, or hand it to an usher.

This season and the day of Epiphany:

During the seasons of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany (sometimes referred to as a "cycle"), we move theologically from expectant hope to realized joy. Advent, the beginning of the church year, is normally marked by the four Sundays preceding Christmas Eve and focuses our attention on the promise of a Messiah, the Messiah's actual coming and the coming of Christ at the end of time.

The Christmas season (or Christmastide) consists of twelve days that begins with the "lessons, carols and candles" of Christmas Eve and ends with Epiphany (January 6). On Christmas Eve and the Sundays of Christmastide, we light the Christ Candle to signify the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Epiphany (which means "manifestation" or "appearance") is January 6 and is usually observed on the Sunday nearest that date. The season of Epiphany continues until Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent. Epiphany celebrates the appearance of Jesus to the wise men from the East as well as Jesus' baptism and his early ministry.

Liturgical Color. **White**

White is generally considered a joyous and festive color and is used on special days such as Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, Trinity, All Saints and Reign of Christ. This color is virtually always used with weddings and funerals. White symbolizes divinity, purity, holiness, joy, innocence and victory.

Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Children's Worship:

Our preschoolers will be learning about the Magi bringing gifts to Jesus.

Children's Church for K-2nd grade is located on the 2nd floor in the Education wing. Today's leaders are Rebecca Hewitt-Newson and Katelyn McWhorter. The children will be learning about Epiphany and the visit of the Magi.

Wee Worship bags are available in the vestibule. Please return them after the worship service.

DVDs of the Worship Service:

DVDs are available on loan from the church library. If you'd like a personal copy, at no cost, please email or call the church office.

Please silence all cell phones and pagers during the worship service.
Please do not bring beverages into the sanctuary.

Calendar

Sunday, January 3rd

Sunday School for All Ages	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Chancel Choir Gathering	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, January 5th

Adult Bible Study (new attendees welcome!) <i>Meets in Heritage Classroom</i>	12:00 pm
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Wednesday, January 6th

Dorcas Sewing	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Family Dinner & Fellowship <i>Barbecued Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw Salad Bar, Hush Puppies, Assorted Bread & Desserts</i>	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Wednesday Acts for All Ages	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm - 8:45 pm

Thursday, January 7th

Staff Meeting	11:00 pm - 12:00 pm
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Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact **Lauren Huber (252) 714-9323**

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The Millbrook Mission



Millbrook Baptist Church shares God's love by being an open and inclusive community of faith, developing Christian disciples through spiritual growth, and serving the world through mission and ministry.

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January 3, 2016

Epiphany of the Lord
We Worship Our Lord



Nalini Jayasuriya
Magi

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2:12

WELCOME

GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Katelyn McWhorter

Arise! Shine! Your light has come.

We, like the wise men from the East, come to worship the child who has been born king of the Jews.

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

How Brightly

Ritter

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation

Brent Jones

†Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of God has risen among us.

We are awake; we are alive!

Praise God for deliverance and blessings.

Lift up your eyes to see all around you.

Let your hearts rejoice, and be radiant with hope.

May justice water the earth like a shower;

Let righteousness and peace abound.

Receive again the promises of the gospel.

Participate in the mystery of Jesus Christ.

God's ways are being revealed to us today.

Our church proclaims the unsearchable riches of Christ.¹

†Hymn 68

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

†Passing of the Peace

Andrea Dellinger Jones

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Morning Prayer 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn 48

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS'

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What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

PROCLAIMING

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

Isaiah 60:1-6 (*OT p.690)

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

One Small Child

Meece

Patti Lingafelt

Children's Invitation to Gather

STILL

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay

Close by me forever and love me I pray.

Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,

And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Children's Message

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

(Kindergarten-2nd Grade will go to the 2nd floor, Education Building for Children's Church.)

†Hymn 66

We Three Kings

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer

Lauren Huber

Offertory

We Three Kings

Keveren

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)

†Doxology

GREENSLEEVES

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This, this is Christ the King,

Whom Shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud,

the Babe, the Son of Mary!

†Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12 (*NT p.2)

Lauren Huber

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

We'll Walk in the Light

arr. Thomas

Refrain: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

v. 1 Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world; "Glory to the newborn King." Jesus, the Light of the world. (refrain)

v. 2 Hail the heavenborn Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world; Christ the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world. (refrain)

Sermon

A New Way

Molly Shoulta

Discipline of Reflection

(The Discipline of Reflection is a brief, quiet time for personal reflection.)

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 62

EPIPHANY SONG

Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

†Blessing

"We, the light of Christ, return to the world."

†Postlude

How Brightly

J.C. Bach

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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