

We are here to: Love God, Love our Neighbor and Serve the World.

January 9, 2022 10:30 AM
The Epiphany and Baptism of Christ

Gathering in God's Presence

All are welcome to this time of worship, and in this faith community.
If you are visiting today, please visit the Welcome table at the entrance.

Prelude *We Three Kings* Hopkins, arr by Tunison
Performed by Three Groovy Kings

Greeting and Welcome

Luke 3:21-22 NRSV The Baptism of Jesus

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Call to Worship* (based on Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14)

O God our Guide and Helper, we come to worship you!
You stay beside us as we journey through life.

O God our Just and Holy One, we come to thank you!
You lead us in your path of justice and peace.

O God, our Trustworthy Leader, we come to praise you!
We know we can always rely on your promises.
O God, we gather to worship, praise and thank you. Amen.

Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King* UM Hymnal #61

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Readings Psalm 72:1-7; 12-14; 17, Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn *We Three Kings* vs. 1,2, 5 UM Hymnal #254

Message The Rev. Doug Mackey

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Doxology #94

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song *Down to the River to Pray* Southern US Folk Song

Pastoral Prayer

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Going Forth To Serve

Hymn of Going *Carol of the Epiphany* TFWS #2094

Benediction

Postlude *Down by the Jordan* Bennett

Please note: We will not "pass the offering plate;" a plate is available in the foyer as you arrive or leave. We will dedicate our gifts as part of worship – gifts brought to this sanctuary, gifts offered by mail, and gifts donated electronically, all to the glory of God. We thank you for your faithful generosity.

We are glad you are here! At this time, we are asking everyone to please wear a mask while inside the building, and especially while singing during worship. Please also note the self-screening questions as you arrive at worship or church events.

Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Holly Nye*
Associate Pastor: *Doug Mackey*
Communication Coordinator: *Cindy Peterson*
Music Ministers: *Pete Van Keuren & Jill Zygo*
Treasurer: *Kimberly Spath*
Financial Secretary: *Paula Miller*
Custodian: *Joe Tangrady*
Prayer Blankets: *Karen Lathrop*
Sunday School Superintendent: *Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais*
Preschool Teachers: *Stacy Herbage & Stephanie Tope*
Sound & Video: *Charles Hartmann*

WEEKLY CALENDAR Sunday, January 9

10:30 AM Worship
3 PM Scout Troop #56

Monday, January 10

9:30 AM Morning Disciples
7 PM Church Council—via Zoom only

Tuesday, January 11

9:30 AM Tuesday Connection Circle
6 PM Daisy Troop #3856
7 PM Boy Scouts Troop #56

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 AM Fixits
9:30 AM Explorers

Thursday, January 13

9:15 AM Seekers
6 PM Girl Scouts Troop #2083
6:30 PM Cub Scouts Troop #3020
7 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 15

8AM -4PM Scouts Pine Derby

Sunday, January 16

10:30 AM Worship
3:30 PM Brownie Troop #3838

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At this time, there will be ONE service on Sunday, at 10:30 AM, due to rising cases of COVID.
The Re-Opening Team will re-evaluate mid-January and make a decision about restoring the early service later in the month.

BHUMC Welcome Statement

At Burnt Hills UMC, we aspire to be a community of grace and unconditional love, where all people will find hospitality, compassion and mercy.

We seek to welcome all on the journey, to grow together in faith and to go out to serve the world.

We welcome people of any age, culture, race, nationality, ability, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and gender identity, as full participants in the life of our congregation.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be part of Jesus' movement of love and justice for all of God's children.

All are welcome to worship, grow and serve with us.

Announcements

Morning Disciples Study meets on Mondays at 9:30 AM. We are studying 1 Corinthians.

Explorers Bible Study is usually held every Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Each week, we watch a 30-minute video on some aspect of Christianity. The current program is "Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation." Contact Pastor Doug for more information.

Seekers, the Women's Book Study, meets every week on Thursday morning at 9:15 AM. We are reading "The Difficult Words of Jesus."

The World is Our Parish Social Action in the history of Methodism.

Postponed tentatively to Wednesday, February 2, at 7PM. This program and discussion will look at highlights of the history of the people called Methodist over nearly 250 years, specifically in the ways that churches in the Methodist movement have responded to poverty, war, and injustice. John Wesley, whose ministry gave rise to Methodism, famously said, "I consider the world to be my parish." Wesley was deeply concerned with the injustice of slavery and the slave trade, and in the generations since Wesley, Methodists have lived out our faith in responding to human needs and societal injustices: child labor; the effects of alcohol and gambling on children and families; unsafe working conditions; and a host of other human issues. All are welcome to this evening of learning and discussion, as we continue to discern how God leads us to respond to needs in our own time, living out our faith in Jesus Christ.

Tornado Relief Following the devastating and deadly string of December storms and tornadoes, UMCOR is supporting regional disaster response coordinators as search and rescue efforts continue and damage assessments begin. Please continue to hold victims, survivors, and relief workers in your prayers. Wondering how to help those impacted by the recent tornadoes in Kentucky, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee? Contribute to UMCOR Advance # 901670: checks may be made out to BHUMC, with Tornadoes-901670 in the memo.

Today's Scripture readings:

Psalm 72:1-7; 12-14: 17 Prayer for Guidance and Support for the King

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.
⁵ May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. . . .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. . . .¹⁷ May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun. May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy.

Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV The Visit of the Wise Men

² In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
² 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."
³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
⁶ '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.'"
⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
⁸ 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."
⁹ 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.
¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.
¹¹ 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.
¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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