

O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught. Amen.

Church Calendar

This Week January 9

Door Monitor- Dave Ruitenber
Sound- Stephen Miller, Teddy Villani
Projector- Emily Lotz
Nursery- Lynn Walker, Kelly Delaney

Next Week January 16

Door Monitor- Roy Bushoven
Sound- Jess Ruit
Projector- Linda Van Lenten, Marissa Baron
Nursery- Mary van der Meer, Jan Kuiken
KidsChurch- Barb Belanus, Kelly Delaney



KC Vande Streek, Pastor
Rob Flim, Worship Leader

January 9, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOD'S GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONGS- "SHINE, JESUS, SHINE"
"JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*SONG OF PREPARATION- "WHAT CHILD IS THIS"

SCRIPTURE *EPHESIANS 3: 1-12*

SERMON – "GIFTS FROM, AND FOR, THE GENTILES"

*SONG OF RESPONSE – "AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD"

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY- "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*

TODAY, January 9,

- Is the first Sunday after the Epiphany

NEXT SUNDAY, January 16,

- Is the second Sunday after the Epiphany

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor KC is off next week (January 11 - January 18) and we will welcome retired Rev. John Algera to our service next Sunday when he will lead us by preaching God's word.

At this time, nursery will remain open but we are going to ask that all volunteers please wear masks, regardless of vaccination/booster status. For children three and older we ask that parents try to have their children come to nursery with a mask. This is not a requirement, simply a request. Also, if you are on the nursery schedule and feel uncomfortable serving at this time for whatever reason, please contact Dana Miller at 973-557-7807 or the church office.

KidSpace and KidsChurch will start up again next Sunday. Kids in grades 1-6 are invited to join us next week upstairs in the Barn for KidSpace after the morning worship service.

Ladies Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, January 12th at 9:30 am downstairs in church. You can enter through the nursery. Please see Barb Belanus or Linda Van Lenten for a study guide. Women of all ages are invited to attend. Childcare will be provided.

Everyone is invited to our Prayer Meetings on Zoom, which will resume on January 13th. This year we will begin the meetings by reviewing one aspect of prayer from the book, *Learn to Pray, 66 Bible Prayer Passages Explained and Applied* by Robert M. West. The remainder of the time we will pray for our church family, friends, nation, etc., as the Holy Spirit leads. Prayer is something we all need. It is "direct communication with the God of the universe, the loving God who created you, keeps you, and offers you eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ." (West p.5). Please join us and pick up a copy of the little book in the foyer. For more information, contact Carol Dunning conawhy@yahoo.com or 973-523-5072.

The Calvin University January Series will be available to view remotely from your own home beginning January 10 ~ January 28 from 12:30 ~ 1:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Topics ranging from The Gravity of Joy, The True Impact of Social Media, Becoming Better Grownups, and much more! For info and to view this interesting and educational series, visit www.calvin.edu/january.

Save the dates! Our cross-stitching group will meet in the Barn on January 29th and February 26th from 9 am- 4 pm.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

SICK & SHUT-INS –

Don Brandes, Louise Butler, Ron Dapp,
Helena Dykstra, Foge Maas,
Muriel Tolsma

In Matthew 2 we read the story of the Magi: wise men, perhaps royalty, who were "outsiders". These people certainly were not Jewish, they were Gentiles, and it's a safe bet to say that they did not know the God of the Old Testament in the way that we, or their Jewish counterparts, did. They were most likely pagans, worshiping false gods and perhaps the stars. Yet God invited them, through a star, to be a part of his story of redemption. Later, Paul would write in the passage we read today (Ephesians 3) that he was a prisoner for Christ Jesus "...for the sake of you Gentiles." We continually see God welcoming the outsider in.

Pause and reflect for a moment: are there people in your personal life, in our society, in the church, that are treated like outsiders? How might you invite them in?

Happy Birthday!

1/9 Paul Cusack