

Upcoming Events and Information

Mon Jan 8: Pastor Jeff DCOM interview (final step in the annual licensing process for recommendation to the VAUMC Cabinet for another appointment year on the Charge.)

Sun Jan 21: 12:15PM Sperryville Council Meeting

Mon Jan 22: 10AM Willis Chapel Council Meeting

Thu Jan 25: 7PM Flint Hill Council Meeting

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

FLINT HILL: 2 Anne-Ashleigh Lamma

SPERRYVILLE: 2 Richard Antony, 10 Frank Coffey, 18 Duane Siler, 23 Sandy Thompson

WILLIS CHAPEL: 2 Glenda Fox, Mary E. Williams, 20 Judi Burke, 21 Tommie Leddy, 23 Dottie Johnson

Pastor Jeff Thompson

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Epiphany

The Epiphany (manifestation) of the Lord is usually celebrated either on the first Sunday after Christmas or on January 6. (Advent ending on Christmas Eve presented a challenge to worship schedules this year!) Epiphany was an even more ancient celebration among early Christians than Christmas, originally focused on the nativity, incarnation, and baptism of the Lord. Today, we celebrate the coming of the three wise men (magi) who brought gifts to the Christ child.



Rappahannock
United Methodist Charge



Epiphany

January 7, 2024

Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 AM: Flint Hill

9:55 AM: Willis Chapel

11:15 AM: Sperryville



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RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE

Epiphany
January 7, 2024

***Standing (either literally or in spirit remaining seated)**

PRELUDE

ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Malachi 1:11*)

From the rising of the sun to the setting.

Magnify God's name among the nations.

In every place, offer incense to his name and a pure offering.

May God's name be praised!

***HYMN 245 The First Noel**

OPENING PRAYER

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness.

Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem.

May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the One who will truly set us free.

May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives.

Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION P6

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-6

PSALTER: Psalm 72 P795-796

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 3:1-12

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON "Follow the Star"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD P255

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

***95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN 254 We Three Kings**

***BENEDICTION**

Go forth and shine your light for all the world to see.

We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.

Go now to follow the star that will guide you on your journey this week, this year, and forever.

As the Magi of old, we go forth in trust and excitement, transformed in the presence of the child of light.

May the blessing of the God of light and transformation rest upon you and fill you with hope, promise, and love.

Amen.

***HYMN Shalom to You**