

January 3, 2021  
Epiphany Sunday

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes     Pastor John

Prelude     Jen Moser, Organist

**\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 84:1-3)     Pastor John**

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord of heavenly forces!

**All: My very being longs, even yearns, for the Lord's courtyards.**

One: My heart and my body will rejoice out loud to the living God!

**All: Yes, the sparrow too has found a home there;**

One: The swallow has found herself a nest where she can lay her young beside your altars,

**All: Lord of heavenly forces, my king, my God!**

**\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Lord God, in this new year, we seek your light with more fervor and expectation than ever before. We have finally learned that you are the true light of the world — the light that swallows up the darkness and provides a clear path to righteousness. Help us to see, follow, and reflect the light all the days of our life until we meet again. Amen!

\*Hymn     “There's Something About That Name”     No. 171

**\*Unison Prayer**

Great and Powerful God, we no longer walk in the wilderness, for we have seen the great light and followed that light. Grant us the wisdom to always walk in the light, and the compassion to invite others to follow. Amen!

\*Call to Confession

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and Gracious God, though our sinfulness separates us from you, your unconditional love enables us to reconnect through repentance, reconciliation, and redemption, and so we stand before you today, confessing all of our transgressions and humbly seeking your forgiveness. This we pray in your sacred name. Amen!**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson     Isaiah 59:1-2     CEB

New Testament Lessons     I John 2:15-17, 28-29     CEB

Response One: Let us Rejoice in God's Holy Word!

**All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy.**

\*Gloria Patri     No. 70

\*Hymn     “O Jesus, I Have Promised”     No. 396  
Verses 2 and 3

Sermon     “Remote Yearning”     Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

As we gather today as a fellowship of believers, let us lift up our prayers and petitions at this time.

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion     No.15

*Jesus is the host at the Communion table.*

*At Oak Chapel, anyone who loves Jesus*

*is welcome at the table.*

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

\*Doxology

No. 95

\*Hymn     “Go, Tell It on the Mountain “  
Verse 3

No. 251

\*Benediction and Postlude

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*





### Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community  
Those serving in the armed forces  
Our country, its leaders

### Our church family

Esther Franks	Elsie Mykrantz
Jennifer Adair	Betty Princehorn
Elaine Sprinkle	Wayne Kahrig
Betsy Bower	Milo Kitchen
Patti Ritchey	Christy Rickard
April Aten	Arden Boyer
Bill Stewart	

### Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Carol Elliot - Mother of Janice Kaser  
Tessa - Niece of Connie Reed  
Brittany Parke - Burckhart Family Friend  
People of Nashville

### Today's Concerns

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Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.



### Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 1/3	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 1/4	Retiree's Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Girl Scout Leaders	7:30 pm
Tuesday 1/5	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Saturday 1/9	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am

### Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/10	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 1/11	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 1/14	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 1/15	Acorn Deadline	

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