

# Portage Lake United Church

Presbyterian Church (USA) & United Church of Christ  
January 6, 2019



## Epiphany

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HYMNS: BLUE = *Presbyterian Hymnal*

GREEN = *Sing a New Creation*

✦ Please stand if you are able

### Welcome & Announcements

### Meditation

*In the long run there are no more important questions for our generation than, Which is the true God? and what spirits are the divine ones?*  
(Robert Cummings Neville)

### Moment of Silence

### Prelude

### GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### ✦ Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come.  
**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**  
Come, worship the Lord of glory.  
**Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

✦ Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" GREEN #128

✦ Prayer of The Day

✦ Call to Confession

#### ✦ Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**  
**you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,**  
**but we have preferred to live in darkness.**  
**Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,**  
**yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.**  
**Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,**  
**yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.**  
**Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,**  
**yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.**  
**Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance,**  
**that we may trust you in all things;**  
**through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

#### ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

#### ✦ The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**  
*Let us greet each other with a sign of God's peace.*  
Children of God, we are the body of Christ.  
**By one spirit we were baptized into one body.**  
Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
**Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.**

### WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

Sermon Under the Tree for Children of All Ages

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Epistle Ephesians 3:1-12

✦ Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

*Moment of Silence*

✦ Hymn: "Sight of God Made Manifest" INSERT

### RESPONSE *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER.*

Offering Invitation

Offering Hymn "We Are An Offering" GREEN #230

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Intercession

**MEAL** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Setting the Table

Invitation to Communion

✦ Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

✦ Prayer of Our Savior BLUE pg. 16 (ecumenical)

Communion Distribution

*Communion is at the front by intinction. If you wish to remain seated, a server will bring the elements to you.*

Communion Hymn: "Taste and See" INSERT

Prayer after Communion

Prayer of Our Savior BLUE pg. 16 (ecumenical)

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

✦ Hymn: "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" BLUE #68

✦ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

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**For personal reflection in the coming week:**

*In Epiphany when the magi make their great journey to see the Christ Child, we see Jesus drawing all creation to the divine life revealed in him, and we see the realization of God's dream of reconciled creation. In our own way, we are each endowed by the Spirit with unique and precious gifts for sharing God's healing love in a good but often divided world. What spiritual practices do you engage in that allow you to stay peaceful, courteous, and develop a respectful regard for difference? How do you stay present and create openness for finding, revealing, and activating God's reconciling love in the world?*

## Announcements

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 13:** 10:00 Worship; 11:00 Refreshments,  
11:30 Sunday School and Confirmation Class

**January 9:** Youth Group @ 6:30 pm

**January 11:** Annual Reports due

**January 14: Fellowship Guild Gathering** 12:30 @ the Bluffs

**Suggestion for Angel Mission donation:** Peanut Butter

**January Candle Volunteer:** volunteer needed

## Weekly Calendar

**Mon:** 9-10 Conversational English...10-12 ESL tutoring... 12-1 AA...  
5:00-6:00 12-Step Centering Prayer

**Tues:** 11:30-12:30 ESL tutoring... 12-1 OA... 5-6:45 aerobics... 7-8 AA

**Wed:** 12-1 AA...12:30-2:00 ESL tutoring... 5-6 Centering Prayer... 6-8 Youth  
Group...7-8 NA

**Thurs:** 10-12 International Neighbors...5-6:45 aerobics... 5:15-6:45 AA

**Fri:** 9:30-11:00 church is cleaned...12-1 AA...6:30-8:00 AA

**Sat:** 9-10 AA

**Sun:** 10 Worship...11 Fellowship...11:30 Sunday School...6-7 NAR-ANON

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

Greeter and Usher: Barb Brookhouse; Sermon Under the Tree: Mark Marino;

Prayer Writer: Lois Jambekar; Refreshments: Karen Hubbard, Lois Jambekar;

Nursery: Lydia Lytle

**Next Sunday's scripture:** *Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

#### Serving this Morning

Presider: The Rev. Peter Norland;

Musician: Susie Byykkonen

Lector: Kiska Deering; Communion: Lou Ellyn Helman, Terry Monson

Prayer Writer: Carl Vilmann; Sermon Under the Trees: Rev. Peter Norland

Greeter: Karen Hubbard; Ushers: Lou Ellyn & Ron Helman;

Refreshments: Bobbie Dalquist, Judy Albee;

Nursery: Lois Jambekar

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