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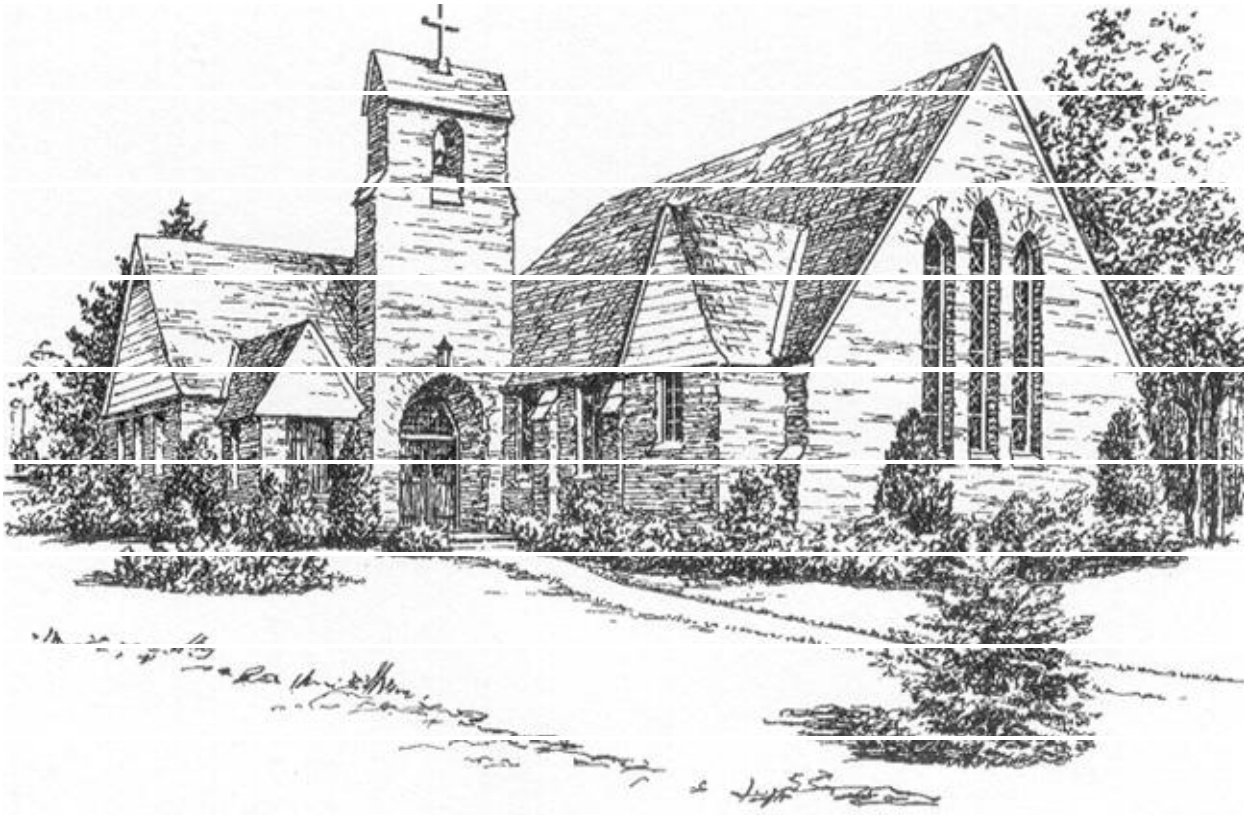

The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

January 6, 2008 10:00 am

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The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: *"The Three Kings"* Flemish Carol Olive Nelson Russell

Choral Introit: *"Blessed be the name!"* Campmeeting Melody

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: *"Brightest and best of the stars of the morning"* Morning Star Hymnal 117

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant may say
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Glory to God - Hymnal S280
The following hymn is said or sung, all standing
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day
The Celebrant says to the people The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (*The people sit.)*
Isaiah 60:1-6
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.
Reader The Word of the Lord.

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People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 *Deus, judicium*

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: *"We three kings of Orient are"* with clarinet introduction Hymnal 128
(There will be a clarinet interlude between vs. 4 and 5, Katie Palmer, Kelly & Lindsey Jacobs)

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12 (The People Stand)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

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are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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." 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon — The Reverend Mary Lou Divis

The Nicene Creed *(All Standing)*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(Form VI)*
The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone*.

For this community, the nation, and the world; *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace*.

For the just and proper use of your creation; *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression*.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth*.

For Katharine our Presiding Bishop, Paul and Jack our Bishops; James our Priest; Lou our Deacon and for all bishops and other ministers; *For all who serve God in his Church*.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who suffer in body, mind or spirit in-

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cluding Jack, Heather, Rex, Janet, Marion, Debbie, Bill, Carol, Lee, David, Jimmy, Scot, Malcolm, Charlie, Therese, Jane, Mark, Bob, Carolyn, Rick, Hubert, Bess, Marty, Arthur, Joe, Rick, and Bev.

Silence (The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, *for all the blessings of this life.*

For all of those celebrating special times in their lives.

Silence (The People may add their own thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, *that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.*

Silence (The People may add their own petitions)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace *All stand.*
The Celebrant says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Junior Choir Anthem: *"Stars Shine for You"* Joel and Russell Nagy

Presentation Of Offerings: Doxology Hymnal 380 verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving—*Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says
The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord* Hymnal S 125

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

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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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

The Fraction Anthem—Hymnal S154

The Invitation to Communion
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Anthem: *"Where is this stupendous stranger?"* Kit Smart

Post Communion Hymn: "*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace"* verses 1,4

The Post Communion Prayer
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Closing Hymn: *"As with gladness men of old"* Dix Hymnal 119

Postlude: *"Variations on an Ancient Noel"* Leon Rogues

Our Worship is over. Now our Service begins.

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MINISTERS

Celebrant	The Reverend James Stevenson
Deacon / Preacher	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Acolytes	TBA
Lector	Carl Goeringer
Intercessor	Liz Plashinski
Eucharistic Minister	Carl Goeringer
Ushers/Oblationers	Hugh Kelley, George Yatsko
Altar Guild	Beverly Cushner
Vestry Counter	Sandy Sheehan

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 6, 2008 W The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
we are glad you have chosen to worship with us.
Here are a few items to assist you with this morning's service.

- You will find most of our service printed in this *Service Leaflet* provided to you by the ushers.
- The Red *Book of Common Prayer* and Blue *Hymnal* can be found in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is at both ends of your pew.
- The PostCommunion Hymn ("*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace")* is also located in the pew rack.
- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please feel free to speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING The annual meeting of the Prince of Peace Church will be held on Sunday January 20 following the 10:00 am service. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

REPORTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING All Commissions and Groups of the church are asked to submit a 2007 report to be included in the Annual Report. All of these reports must be in the church office BY Sunday, January 13th. When possible please email information to princeofpeace@epix.net.

VESTRY MEETING The January Vestry Meeting will be this Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 pm in the Undercroft.

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS Prince of Peace has been invited to participate in a Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre. The service will be held this afternoon at 3:00pm. Everyone is ENCOURAGED to attend this beautiful service.

2008 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Parish Hall. If you do not find a booklet with your name in it, please contact Jennifer in the Church Office (675-1723 or princeofpeace@epix.net).

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA Thanks to all of those who donated Christmas flowers for the holiday season. Please take your flowers home so you can enjoy their beauty. (Each flower has a name inside of the plant.)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist (with Music)
10am Sunday School

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THE NEXT…

...**Holy Eucharist**, this morning 8:00 am & 10:00 am

...**Sunday School**, this morning 10:00 am.

...**Parish Life Commission Mtg**, this morning following the 10:00 am service.

...**Service of Lessons & Carols at Holy Cross, W-B,** today, 3:00 pm.

...**Alanon Mtg**, today, 7:00 pm

...**AA Small Group, Monday,** January 7, 7:00 pm.

...**Morning Prayer (Chapel),** Tuesday, January 8, 9:00 am.

...**Church Office Open**, Tuesday, January 8, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.

...**Vestry Meeting (undercroft),** Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 pm.

...**Church Office Open**, Thursday, January 10, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.

...**Church Office Open**, Friday, January 11, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.

...**Information for Annual Report Due,** Tuesday January 13.

...**Baptism**, Sunday January 13, 10:00 am.

...**Annual Parish Meeting**, Sunday January 20 following the 10am service.

...**Church Cleaning**, Tuesday, January 14.

...**Family Service**, Sunday January 20, 10:00am.

...**Outreach Commission Mtg**, Sunday January 20, following the 10:00 am service.

...**Education Commission Mtg**, Sunday, January 27, following the 10:00 am service.

...**Property Commission Mtg**, Sunday January 27, following the service.

If your event is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office with the details!

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