

The season of Epiphany begins on January 6 and continues until the first Sunday of Lent. The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “appearing” and during this time we celebrate the ways Christ was made manifest to the world: through the coming of the Wise Men, the Baptism of our Lord, and Jesus’ first miracle of changing water into wine at Cana. Symbols of Epiphany are the Star and Light. The Star is often used in Epiphany to symbolize Jesus Christ as the Light of the World.

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## GREETING

Jason W. Crosby

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

## PRELUDE

*Gigue from Suite for Violin and Keyboard*  
Allison Hammons, flute; Louie Bailey, organ

George Frideric Handel

## INVOCATION

Steve Clark

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE 532

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

## \*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

## \*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit*

NETTLETON

Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God’s realm is surely theirs.  
Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.  
Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.  
God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.

Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.  
They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.  
Those who show God’s care and mercy will receive that mercy, too.  
God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.

Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God’s own.  
Those oppressed for faithful living will call Heaven’s kingdom home.  
When the world’s ways seem distressing and we feel life’s painful sting,  
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.

## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Beginning with those seated at the back of the sanctuary, when signaled by an usher, proceed to the communion station by way of the nearest center aisle, and return to your seat by way of the nearest side aisle. Those in the balcony may walk toward the upstairs piano to receive the bread and cup. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and someone will serve you.

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Vocalise*

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Allison Hammons, flute; Louie Bailey, piano

## DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Andrea V. Woolley

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 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 forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

You are invited to make an offering of your gifts as well as a silent offering of yourself.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Blest Are They*

David Haas

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano; Elizabeth Weaver, soprano

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God!

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

David Haas, based on Matthew 5:3-12; ©1986 by G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

## \*EPIPHANY DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, the Giver and the Gift*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, the Giver and the Gift. Hearts, minds and voices now uplift: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Breath of glad surprise, freeing, uplifting, opening eyes,

Three-in-Oneness, Love communing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

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## \*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at Crescent Hill Baptist Church to come forward during the Hymn of Response and share that decision with the minister.

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 721

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

## \*BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

## \*SILENCE

\* Worshipers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

The flowers today are given in memory of Audrey and Andy Schmitz, parents of Marlene Schmitz, and Bob Gilliland, father of Rhonda Gilliland.

***A benevolence offering which is used for special needs among church members and persons in our community will be taken at the doors following worship.***

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- We invite those who wish to be baptized or join the church to share that decision with the church near the conclusion of worship. However, if you would prefer to explore baptism or church membership privately, the ministers would be glad to discuss those decisions with you following worship.
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