

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. February is Black History Month, so some of our service music during February will reflect this.

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

Who’ll Be a Witness For My Lord?

Spiritual, arr. Louie Bailey

INVOCATION

David Eisenmenger

*HYMN OF PRAISE 494

I’m New Born Again

NEW BORN AGAIN

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:21-37

Melinda Stricklen

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF BLACK HISTORY

Do Lord

Spiritual

REFRAIN: Do Lord, Oh do Lord, Oh do remember me, (repeat 2 times), Way beyond the blue.I’ve got a home in Glory land that outshines the sun (repeat 2 times), Way beyond the blue. **REFRAIN**I took Jesus as my Savior, You take him too (repeat 2 times), Way beyond the blue. **REFRAIN**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

Happy are those who walk in your ways;
Happy are those, Lord, who keep your decrees.
By our obeying, we give you praise
We find your path that blesses and frees.

REFRAIN: Grace is a gift that comes from your hand.

How can we thank you? What can we do?
Fixing our eyes on what you command
We can live each day faithful to you.

How can the young ones keep their way pure?
How can the stranger find blessings of home?
How can your people never be poor?
By gladly making your way their own. **REFRAIN**

Sweeter than honey, reason for joy,
Lamp to our feet and a light to our way,
Comfort and shield when sin would destroy—
All your commandments guide us each day. **REFRAIN**

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

THE POWER OF NON-VIOLENCE

Jason W. Crosby

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

He Comes to Us

Jane Marshall

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside He came to those men who knew Him not.
He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: "Follow! Follow thou me!"
And sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands.
And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself
In the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and,
As an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.

Albert Schweitzer, 1906, *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*

*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.

Brian Wren, 1987-88; © 1989 in *Bring Many Names* by Hope Publishing Company

*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

When the Saints Go Marching In

Spiritual

REFRAIN: O when the saints go marching in (repeat),

O Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

O when the sun refuse to shine (repeat),

O Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in. **REFRAIN**

O when the trumpet sounds its call (repeat)

O Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in. **REFRAIN**

*BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

*SILENCE

*POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

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

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