

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri  
 Epiphany of the Lord  
 January 4, 2009  
 (\*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT #10  
 "Majesty"

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\*HYMN OF ADORATION #281  
 "What Child Is This?"

\*GREETING

LEADER: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, the life and light of humanity. Great is God's love for us. Alleluia!

\*INVOCATION

ALL: We thank you, God, that you have spoken to people of faith at many times and in various ways, and that in Jesus, your living Word, you have revealed yourself among us. We come longing once more to know your presence and to hear your word. We come eager to follow Jesus. We rejoice that you are with us always when we gather in Christ's name. Amen.

\*GLORIA (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

ALL SING: From all that dwell below the skies

**Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung.**

Let God the spirit free each tongue! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal is your glory, God.

Eternal Word we give you laud;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Eternal Spirit we adore,

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer List

January 4, 2009

In case of hospitalization or surgery please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital be sure to tell them that you are affiliated with this congregation. \* indicates a new request. Please note: after six months names will be removed from the prayer list, unless an update is made to the church office.

Joyce Abernathy; 10-08	Frank, Jr & Ame	Ratliff Nursing Home
Bob Amelunke; 12-08	Maevers; 09-08	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Leo Amelunke; 11-08	Dana McClard; 12-08	Fountainbleau Lodge
Marilyn Amelunke; 11-08	M.D. McMillan; 08-08	Alta Proffer
Loyd Bollinger	Ester Nussbaum	Lutheran Home
Ian Bolton; 10-08	Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08	Dorothy Cole
Eldon Chasteen; 12-08	Bob & Nora Lee	Viola Geiser
Phyllis Chasteen; 12-08	Seabaugh; 09-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
"Red" Clifton; 08-08	Meta Siemers; 12-08	Leonard Moore
Bettye Crockett; 06-08	Marshall Whitworth; 08-08	Andora Peetz
Lexi Edwards; 11-08		Auburn Creek
Aleene Ellinger; 10-08		Irene Orlando
Dean & Carolena		House Bound
Galloway; 11-08		S.G. Coy
Joan Hope	Please Remember	Mary Huckstep
Ernie Jordan; 11-08	Our Friends at Home	Kenny Mehrle
Ida Mae Jordan; 11-08		Helen Owens
Jane Juergens; 09-08		
Anita MacDonald; 09-08		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
12-07-08	\$2,370.00	---	---	\$95.00
12-14-08	\$1,682.75	---	---	\$54.00
12-21-08	\$393.00	---	---	\$25.00
12-28-08	\$4,340.00	---	---	---
Worship	Attendance	Special Collections	Total	Offering
12-07-08	68	---	12-07-08	\$2,465.00
12-14-08	69	\$95.00	12-14-08	\$1,831.75
12-21-08	57	\$35.00	12-21-08	\$453.00
12-28-08	46	\$412.00	12-28-08	\$4,752.00

Welcome first time guests! **We're glad that you are here!** We invite everyone to complete a Communication card (located on the Information Table) and place it in the offering plate. You are important to us and we want to know that you are here.

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**“Taking Down the Greens”**

Please stay to help with taking down the greens. The more people helping, the quicker it will go. Lunch will be served.



On the Calendar

- Jan 4 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM  
*Instillations of Officers*  
*Epiphany Celebration and*  
**“Taking Down the Greens”**
- Jan 5 **McAlister’s Deli, 4-8 PM**  
Fundraiser for Jamaican MM
- Jan 6 Epiphany
- Jan 7 Open Gym, 7:30 PM
- Jan 10 MO-Mentoring, 10 AM-1 PM  
Faith & Family Night @ Show Me Center—Redhawks Basketball
- Jan 11 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
\*\*\*\*\* **Choir Practice, 10:00 AM**  
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
- Jan 11 Union of Concerned Christians  
Meet & Eat, 6:00 PM
- Jan 16 February Chronicler Articles & Annual Reports DUE

Faith & Family Night

Saturday, January 10, 2009 at the Show Me Center is Faith & Family Night with Redhawks Basketball. Present one church bulletin per person, at the ticket office, for the special admission price of \$6.00. The women tip off at 5:30 PM **and the men’s game follows at 7:45 PM. So, remember to save today’s bulletin to use this Saturday. See you there.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6 Page 1155  
 Ephesians 3:1-12 Page 1820  
 \*Matthew 2:1-12 Page 1497

SERMON —Pastor Daniel Johnson  
**“They Left For Their Own Country By Another Road”**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — **The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Remember Me” —Choir

GENERAL PRAYER

LEADER: As sages from the East offered you their best,  
 PEOPLE: *So may we honor you, O Christ, with our highest visions and finest energies.*  
 LEADER: As you turned the water to wine at Cana,  
 PEOPLE: *So come to your church now, and teach us to change human tears to joyful song.*  
 LEADER: As you were baptized to fulfill all righteousness,  
 PEOPLE: *So may your church humbly do your will.*

LEADER: As you gave light to those who followed you on earth,  
*PEOPLE: So be our light as we follow you on city streets or country roads.*  
*ALL: Be revealed among us in power, in word, in sacrament, and in places where we live and work. Glory be to you, O Christ, now and for ever. Amen.*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

##### CALL TO CONFESSION

LEADER: God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference. Let us confess our sin.

##### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ALL: Loving God, you have come to us in Jesus; yet we confess that we often refuse to receive you. We live in the world as if we did not know you. Showing your love for all peoples, you guided sages from distant lands to worship Jesus, your child. Although we know of this love, we limit our love with safe boundaries, building walls rather than bridges, denying our connection with all those you love. Forgive us, God, and give us new hearts to love and serve you. Write your Word within us. Make yourself known to us as we live today. For we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whom you most fully have revealed yourself. Amen.*

*Silence.*

##### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Be of good courage, for God sent the Word into the world not to judge but to save. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Our sins are forgiven. Through the power of the Spirit, let us live as children of God. Amen.

##### PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: So if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother or sister, and then come back and offer your gift.

**PEOPLE: In response to Christ's command, we reach out to each other in love.**

LEADER: The Peace of Christ be with you.

*PEOPLE: And also with you.*

##### \*SONG OF PRAISE #288

*"We Three Kings"*

#### CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: "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." Let us give back some of the boundless riches God has given us in our generous support to the missions of this congregation and denomination.

##### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #815

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

##### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*ALL: Great God, today we are reminded of the wondrous gifts of the Magi brought for the Prince of Peace. We have traveled to this time of worship, hoping to discover the thrill of new birth. And, indeed, we have smiles on our faces as we lift up our eyes, look around, and experience the presence of Jesus. We place these gifts, our gifts, upon your altar and rejoice in God's radiant love. Praise the Lord! Amen. [Isaiah 60:1-6]*

##### \*LORD'S PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us:

**ALL: "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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."**

#### COMMUNION

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##### \*HYMN OF PARTING #731

*"Onward, Christian Soldiers"*

##### \*BENEDICTION

LEADER: You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine that others may see the good things you do and glorify God. God is with us now and always. Go in peace.

##### CHORAL EXTROIT #70

*"A Perfect Hearth"*

#### POSTLUDE

HOLY COMMUNION  
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\*INVITATION

LEADER: Jesus said, I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

*PEOPLE: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.*

\*COMMUNION PRAYER

LEADER: We give you thanks, O God, for making your love evident since the very beginning of time when you spoke the word that replaced the darkness of chaos with life-giving light. A light that has nurtured generations of people, plants, and creatures, both great and small. A light that also revealed the fear and powerlessness caused by corrupt and evil actions. And so you spoke the Word which would once and for all dispel the darkness of chaotic lives. Through your love for the world, the Word became flesh and lived among us full of grace and truth. The angels caroled glory to you in the highest heavens and peace to all people on earth, and we join with them and with all people to praise your holy name:

*ALL: Holy Lord, God of endless love, heaven and earth are surely full of your glory. The angels sang of it - we have been lavished with it. Blessed is he who was born that we might have life. Glory to God and on earth peace to all people. Hosanna in the highest!*

*[People may now be seated.]*

PASTOR: Holy God, as the travelers with their treasures were overwhelmed with joy on finding Jesus, so we also are overwhelmed on finding out the depth of his love for us. For Jesus showed just how beloved we are to him, by loving us and giving himself for us. On that night when he gave himself up for us, as he sat at the table and broke **bread with his friends, he said, 'Take and eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Remember me each time you do this.' After they had eaten, he took the cup, and said; 'Remember me as you drink from this, for it is my life, poured out for you - the beginning of a new relationship with God.'** We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we say boldly what we believe:

*ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

PASTOR: Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, O God, that we may experience the presence of the Word - made - flesh - Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit in us that we may be one body with him - living out his ministry in the world today **and every day. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

BREAKING BREAD & POURING WINE

PASTOR: [while taking the bread and breaking it] Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

PASTOR: [while pouring the wine and raising the cup] Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

PASTOR: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

*PEOPLE: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

### SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

PASTOR: Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.

PEOPLE: *Amen!*

PASTOR: Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

PEOPLE: *Amen!*

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us pray.

*ALL: Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and to all people, glorifying you in everything we do and say, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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