

# Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church

*“A Church at the Heart of Morgantown  
with a Heart for Morgantown”*



January 7, 2024  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
Worship 8:30AM and 10:45AM  
Children's Church 10:45AM  
Church School 9:40AM

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Office Hours: Mon-Thur. 9am-1pm

(\*\*indicates to stand if able)

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME**

Pastor

*Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer*

*God, as You lead us on this journey, may we faithfully follow the pathway of love and kindness built on Jesus Christ, the solid rock. Open our hearts to love everyone always. Open our minds to slow down and focus on Your will. Open our doors to welcome and share Christ's great commission, while making disciples of each of us. May we be led by You, putting You first in our lives and in all our endeavors. Amen.*

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. **You will do well to be attentive to this,** as to a lamp shining in a dark place, **until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.** (2 PETER 1:19)

**\*\*HYMN**

*What Child Is This?*

UM #219

1.

What child is this who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

2.

Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.

(Refrain)

3.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.

(Refrain)

### FIRST PRAYER

Liturgist

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples Him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know that Your presence is with us. Be able to proclaim Christ's unsearchable riches that all may come to His light and bow before the brightness of His rising. We pray to you, Lord who with the Son lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen (*Discipleship Ministries*)

### PROCLAMATION

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Liturgist

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

### ANTHEM

Special Music by Dulcimers

### CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus Loves Me

UM #191

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM 10:45AM

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> 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.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a Ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

<sup>13</sup> Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy Him.” <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and His mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my Son.”

<sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according

to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup> When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup> “Get up, take the child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> There he made His home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

**SERMON** “The Light of Christ has enough love for All” Pastor

**\*\*HYMN**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

**UM #229**

1.

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

10:45 AM Eldon Callen

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and 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.

## SERVICE OF TABLE

### INVITATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

10:45 Eldon, Callen, CLM

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### INVITATION TO GIVE

Eldon Callen, CLM 10:45 AM

### OFFERTORY

#### \*\*SINGING THE DOXOLOGY

U.M HYMN #95 (Unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
praise Him all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eldon Callen, CLM 10:45AM

God in the stars and in the stables: like the wise men in the gospel story, our journey has brought us once again into the light and warmth of Your presence. We bring gifts, as they did, but in the light of your overwhelming generosity, they seem not more than tokens. Remind us of the power that You can infuse in the gifts we offer with loving hearts, and let us be changed by the giving, even as the wise men were changed. We pray it in the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving Prayer (See Screen)

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

UM #895

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

#### SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

#### \*\* HYMN

*We Three Kings*

UM #254

1

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3

Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

4

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5

Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

### SENDING FORTH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP May you follow the Epiphany Star into a closer discipleship with Jesus Christ in the New Year.

### BLESSING

Pastor

May God, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

Amen!



## POSTLUDE

**THE WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

### **Post-Service Refreshments**

*Thank you Robyn*

### **Altar Flowers**

*“God’s Blessings for the New Year to all of the wonderful people at SSUMC”*

### **Radio Broadcast**

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### **RADIO, WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE**

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<http://mixlr.com/sprucestreetumc/> to connect to hear the live stream of our worship.

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Please remember to sign up in Seeker’s Hall for radio and altar flower sponsors and for liturgists!

### **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

Thank you for your prayers, support, and generosity.

Our next weekend of meals is January 20 & 21.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help. [cdccarr@yahoo.com](mailto:cdccarr@yahoo.com)

### **GIFTS OF LOVE**

Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. We greatly need bath towels, blankets, hand warmers, gloves, pots & pans. Blessings to you for your help with this ministry.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

(Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr at [cdccarr@yahoo.com](mailto:cdccarr@yahoo.com))

- Henry Lee
- Charlotte Murphy
- Rich Hilleary
- Linda Sweetman
- Melinda Staley
- Baby Hazel and the Taddie family
- Quinn Williams
- Edith Gibson
- Sue Olcott
- Sue Nutt
- John Nutt
- Gary Lindamood
- Mary Kay McQuain
- Betty Anderson
- Dottie Harman
- George Watson
- Saundra Britton
- Pauline Shaver
- Alan Dunaway

(The long-term prayer list can be found in the current Newsletter on our website under News and More)

- Pray for peace.
- Our community folks who need our care and prayers
- Pray for the state, city and county police, fire and emergency services.
- Job losses at WVU

### THIS WEEK:

Sunday, Jan 7

Worship and Christian Formation  
Taking Down the Greens after  
Worship

Monday, Jan 8

Harmony Worship 3PM  
SPPRC 6PM

Tuesday, Jan 9

Crochet Ministry 10AM

Wednesday, Jan 10

Bible Study 11AM

Prayer Mtg. by Zoom 6PM

UMM Meeting at Eat-n-Park 6PM

Thursday, Jan 11

Yoga 10am

Staff Meeting 11AM

Choir 7PM

## ENJOY BOOKS

The United Methodist Men will be selling My Enjoy books through the end of December as long as supplies last. The books contain discounts of up to 50% at Morgantown, Fairmont, and Uniontown area restaurants, fast foods, pizzerias, and ice cream shoppes. They make excellent holiday or birthday gifts for relatives, friends, and service providers. Discounts are also available at florists, golf courses plus many others. Books may be obtained after the 10:45 service in Seeker's Hall, through the church office or from any United Methodist Men's member. **Payment is by cash or check payable to SSUMM. Price remains \$40.00. Radio listeners may call the Church Office at 304-292-3359 or Roger Britton at 304-292-8832 for free-home delivery.**

### RADA CUTLERY UPDATE

Gift sets of RADA Cutlery, along with dip mixes, can be purchased in Seekers' Hall today.

*I want to thank the church for all the prayers, cards, and gifts you gave me and my family this holiday season.*

*Pastor Bart*

Thank You with Blessings in the New Year

*Your generous support of Barnabas is a blessing that is enabling us to continue inspiring and supporting parishioners and others in our community with this card and note ministry. The Barnabas Group*



On January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30PM, come as you are to Messy Church. Bring some friends and relatives for fun, food, fellowship and activities at Spruce Street United Methodist Church and join the fun!

### The Staff at Spruce Street UMC

- Bishop Rev. Dr. Sandra Steiner Ball
- District Superintendent Rev. Amy Shanholtzer
- Pastor Rev. Bart R. Thompson
- Lay Minister Eldon Callen
- Lay Leader Ken Shanes
- Building Supt.s Bonnie Johnson
- Children's Ministry Coordinator Lena Glowacky
- Choir Director Dr. Sam Spears
- Organist Dr. Marguerite Bostonia
- Admin. Asst. Cathy Calkins
- Finance Sect. Judy Kennell
- Lay Servant Don Davis
- Parent's Place/Playdates Coordinator  
Samantha Goulet

### Upcoming

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| January 7  | Epiphany Sunday Children and Youth Christmas Program<br>"Taking Down the Greens" after 2nd service |
| January 10 | Weekly Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings restart   |
| January 14 | Baptism of the Lord Celebrated   |
| January 15 | Office Closed MLK Jr. Day  |
| January 15 | Finance Committee 6PM<br>Trustee Mtg. 7PM  |
| January 16 | Hospitality Mtg. by Zoom 6PM   |
| January 17 | Full Map Meeting at 7PM  |
| Jan. 20-21 | Circle of Friends 4-5PM  |
| January 21 | Messy Church at 5:30PM   |
| January 24 | Tech Meeting at 7PM  |



