

A vertical photograph of a night sky. A bright, multi-pointed star is the central focus in the upper half. Below it, the silhouettes of three people riding camels are visible against the dark sky. The foreground is a dark, grassy field.

THEY WILL ALL  
COME FROM SHEBA,  
CARRYING GOLD  
AND INCENSE,  
PROCLAIMING THE  
LORD'S PRAISES.

- ISAIAH 60:6



**St. Luke's United Methodist Church**

*Where Friends and Faith Meet*

**Rev. Brian Preveaux**

**Ron Pozsonyi, Lay Leader     Judy Colwell, Organist, Music Director**

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

**JANUARY 7, 2018**

**Greeters & Ushers:     8:30 Jerry Vagnier and Bill Harting**

**10:00 Beth King and Jim Manning**

WELCOME

Our Hope is that you will experience God our Father's love in our worship service today. Please fill out the blue registration pad located on the pew and pass it to the end of the row. Visitors please take our informative brochure, located on the table in the back of the church, which provides some of St. Luke's history.

**Please Silence Cell Phones**

The Prelude provides the congregation a transition space. The beautiful music is intended as a gift to God and to help bring us closer to Him. Please be mindful that some use this time to pray or meditate.

**PRELUDE:**                    **"Journey of the Kings"**  
[The tune to "We Three Kings" will be  
incorporated into the Prelude]

**THREE BELLS:**     **Chiming of the Trinity**                    (See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING of the PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**     **"This is the Day"**                    **No. 657**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*GOSPEL READING:**     **Mark 1: 4 - 11**  
**8:30 read by Ron Pozsonyi             10:00 read by Paul LoMonaco**

**\*OPENING HYMN:**     **"How Great Thou Art" . . . . . No. 77**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** . . . . . **No. 881**

**\*GLORIA PATRI:** **"Glory Be to the Father" . . . . . No. 70**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY:**                    **"Mary Did You Know?"**  
**(Pat Schwartz)**

**\*DOXOLOGY:** . . . . . **No. 95**

**Matthew 2: 1 - 12**  
**"Threatened by Jesus"**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION:**     **"Here I Am Lord" . . . . . No. 593**

The Congregation is welcome to come to the altar for prayer and meditation during the last hymn. **All worshipers are invited.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*\*"God Be with You till We Meet Again"** (see insert on inside back cover of hymnal)

**\*POSTLUDE:**

**\*Please stand as able.**

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01-08 Helen & Richard Van Veen

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!

01-03 Shirley Wissman  
01-09 Doug Corkern  
01-14 Mary Goldfinch  
01-17 Bob Heck  
01-21 Joann Sandruck  
01-29 Richard Van Veen  
01-05 Marge Kirwan  
01-11 Jack Hills  
01-15 Norm Stark  
01-18 Ottice Adkins, Al Gibson, Rick Rosenfeld  
01-26 Robert Antoine

Please check your calendar and see if you are free to greet/usher and/or read the gospel. See sign-up sheet on the sanctuary board or contact **Angie Harting at 843.705.0917**

Please notify Jane Disney by **noon** on **THURSDAY**, any prayer requests, announcements, anniversaries or birthdays to be placed in the bulletin. [jabdisney@gmail.com](mailto:jabdisney@gmail.com) **843.707.1764**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CHURCH MEMBERS

Nancy Adkins	George Batten	Jean/Doug Corkern
Verna Crosby	Marcia/Ron Garner	Adeline/Al Gibson
Eddie Goldfinch	Todd Hicks	John Hubbard
Marge Kirwan	Kathie Leonard	Carolyn Ransier
Gail Rogers	Emily Simmons	Jane Slayton
Carol Vineyard	Shirley Wissman	

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Richard, brother of Skip Blymiller  
Susan, daughter of Ethel Lollis  
Diane Manning, wife of Jim Manning's nephew  
Cindy Phinney, sister of Richard Smith  
Vonnie and Ellis Stearns, parents of Angie Harting  
Rosemary DeLuca, sister of John Suberati  
Duane & Celesta Warner, brother/sister-in-law of Mildred Schildkamp  
Robert Stout, son-in-law of Jane Tiffany  
Victoria Thompson, a friend's daughter of Angie Harting  
Howard Wick, son of Jane and Jerry Wick  
Lynn Boate, friend of Marcia Garner  
Courtney, daughter of Judi Landin  
Karen Roehl, friend of Bill Trainer  
Mongin Smyly, father of Joy Preveaux  
Nancy, sister of Dottie Apgar  
Mary and Bob Burns, friends of Dottie Apgar  
Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie and John Baldauf  
Gail Rogers (rehab location) Broad Creek Care Center, 801 Lemon Grass Lane, HHI, SC 29928

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7:30 PM      **AA Meeting**  
Wednesday – 10:30 AM                      **Al-Anon Meeting**  
Thursday – 7-8 PM                              **Women's Candlelight AA Group**

**I will be in the office Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00 Noon.**

**Brian**

**Joy and I** would like to thank each of you for your gifts, cards and the love shared with us during the season of Christmas. We are blessed to have such a loving church family. Happy New Year to each and everyone!

**Brian and Joy**

**TRAFFIC SAFETY**...we are always concerned about safety at the church. Some people insist on using the entrance to exit onto Okatie Highway. This creates a very dangerous situation. The sight line for oncoming traffic is very short and many of those vehicles are going in excess of the 45 MPH speed limit. You are endangering the life or wellbeing of yourself and others by using the entrance as an exit. This also creates a bottleneck for people entering the church property. Please exit onto Okatie Highway by the drive on the south side of the property.

Jim Seymore, Trustees and Church Council

**BIBLE STUDY** . . .LADIES, please join me, Jane Smith, for a seven week Priscilla Shirer Bible Study, Discerning the Voice of God, starting **January 15 through February 26**. We will meet on Monday morning from 10:00AM to 12:00Noon in our Fellowship Hall. Books are **\$13**. Please call **843.705.5408** to reserve a book. See you then.....Jane

The rescheduled **POT LUCK Dinner** is tonight at 5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring homemade dishes or store bought goodies. Just come (bring your visitors, family and friends) and join in the fun, fellowship and good food. **IF YOU DON'T DRIVE AT NIGHT, PLEASE CALL LOIS WILLIG at 843.304.1086 or email at [willigwp@hotmail.com](mailto:willigwp@hotmail.com). to arrange transportation. Place settings and beverages are provided. Let's welcome in 2018.**

**TODAY..... JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>** at the conclusion of each service, baskets will be available for your donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund (instead of leaving coins on the altar rail). Individuals seeking these donations sometimes need assistance with housing, food and medical expenses.

**ALSO, TODAY... JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>** we will be collecting pantry items for the local food bank as part of our First Sunday Food Mission. The Food Pantry always needs cereals, rice, beans, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly. If you are free to help deliver this month, please sign up, and we will happily help load your vehicle. A volunteer at BSH will unload your vehicle. Thank you for helping to restock the shelves at Bluffton Self Help. This cold weather has reduced the inventory.

**TRUSTEES MEETING, Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

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**We will be rekeying the locks to both the sanctuary and fellowship hall in the near future. Let me know if you need keys. I can be contacted at [jim\\_seymore@usa.com](mailto:jim_seymore@usa.com) or 843.368.9722.**

**Jim Seymore**

**ATTENTION!** \_\_ During our Advent season there were many compliments given on our Chrismon tree which has led to discussions of making more chrismons for our tree. Many of you have mentioned you enjoy crafting and have materials that may be used. If you are interested in being a part of this Chrismon Group this year, let's join together for a planning meeting on **Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall to plan our designs. Please contact Joy Preveaux at [843-563-1886](tel:843-563-1886) or [jpreveaux40@gmail.com](mailto:jpreveaux40@gmail.com) to let her know you will be there.

**DONATION** to the PPI Fund was received from Judy and Ed Colwell in honor of Janet Jacoby, Pat Simmons and Lois Willig for their dedication and friendship.

**DONATION** was received for the Cemetery Endowment Fund from David Hamilton.