

Banning United Methodist Church

Epiphany Sunday
January 5, 2025

GATHERING

SPECIAL MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS

Dan Mabey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dan Mabey

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Cathy Mauge

†CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Bring your gifts and bring your love to honor the King of love.

P: Bring your worship and praise to pay homage to Christ Jesus, our King.

Dan Mabey

†OPENING HYMN

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

UMH #133

THE APOSTLE’S CREED, TRADITIONAL VERSION UMH Pg. 881

Pastor Doug

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

†OPENING PRAYER

Dan Mabey

Gracious God, we come into Your presence with joy and praise, we are grateful for the gift of Christ Jesus in our lives. As we celebrate this gift in our worship service, fill our hearts with Christmas joy and our spirits with the gift of Your Holy Spirit. With joy and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Dan Mabey

Isaiah 60:1-6 NRSV

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. ⁶A 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Pastor Doug

Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “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.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶‘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.” 7Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8Then 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.”

9When 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. 10When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11On 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. 12And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Gifts worthy of a King!"

Pastor Doug

PRAYERS

CHILDREN IN PRAYER (After each slide: In Your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Doug

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dan Mabey

OFFERTORY

Cathy Mauge

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dan Mabey

Generous God, thank You for the gift of Jesus. Thank You for the gift of Christmas. Thank You for inviting us to bring gifts for the world. Bless the gifts we bring, and may they become vessels of Christ's light and love in the world. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

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COMMUNION HYMN "One Bread, One Body"

Hymn #620

SENDING FORTH

†CLOSING HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH #431

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†BENEDICTION

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge