

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Bethany Danielle Pike,
 as we remember her birthday on January 8th,
 from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca.

St. James United Church

January 5, 2014/Epiphany Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist/Senior Choir Director:	Christine Tiller
Assistant Organist:	Gillian Burry
Choir:	AOTS
AOTS Choir Director:	Doreen Brown

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.

Organ Prelude: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach

Welcome and Life & Work of St. James



Introit: *The Savior is Waiting* Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: The Magi came from many places, following a star.

All: We come to worship, and the star sheds light on our lives.

One: The Magi brought gifts to offer the Child.

All: We too bring gifts - ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.

One: Shepherds and Magi - the meek and the mighty - all were welcome in Bethlehem.

All: We too come to Bethlehem and then return to our homes rejoicing.

Opening Prayer: (together)

Almighty God, as Your Son our Saviour was born of a Hebrew mother, but rejoiced in the faith of a Syrian woman and of a Roman soldier, welcomed the Greeks who sought him, and suffered a man from Africa to carry His cross; so teach us to regard the members of all races as fellow heirs of the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: *The First Nowell* 91

Time with the Children

Hymn: *A Light Is Gleaming* 82

Invitation to the Offering

Organ Offertory: *From Heaven Above* Krieger

Offertory Hymn: *Praise God from Whom* 541

Offertory Prayer: (together)

Though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, yet we offer ourselves and what we have. The story continues, Good News abounds. We worship and serve the living Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad! Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsive Reading: Psalm 72: parts 1 & 3 790

Anthem: *Tiny Little Baby* Choir

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Hymn: *As with Gladness Men of Old* 81

Sermon, followed by a time of Prayer & Silence

Closing Hymn: *I Am the Light of the World* 87

Choral Blessing: *My Peace* Choir

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune on "Wachet Auf"* Sobaje

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Trevor Bartlett

Greeters: Janet & Trevor Bartlett

Ushers: Joy, Allison, Kate and Jennifer Bartlett, Mary Daya

