

# *Epiphany Sunday*



*January 3, 2021*

**Heritage Worship Service**  
**Epiphany Sunday**  
**January 3, 2021**  
**11:00 am**

Prelude ..... Mary Did You Know?..... Mark Lowry  
Carolyn Hartsell, Piano

Hymn .....The First Noel, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5 ..... No. 245  
Stephanie Delias, Mary Newman, Dowe Cauthen, Kevin Young

Welcome and Announcements .....Rev. Nancy Twigg

Hymn .....We Three Kings ..... No. 254  
Stephanie Delias, Mary Newman, Dowe Cauthen, Kevin Young  
(v.1 refrain and no refrain until 5)

Special Music .....Et in Terra Pax ..... John Purifoy  
Ebenezer and Sacred Heart Virtual Choirs

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer ....Rev. Nancy Twigg

Special Music .....In the Bleak Midwinter .....arr. Albin Witworth  
Stephanie Delias, Mary Newman, Dowe Cauthen, Kevin Young

Message..... Falling to our Knees..... Rev. Tim Paul

Communion .....Rev. Nancy Twigg

Closing Hymn .....Prayer for the New Year .....arr. Albin Witworth  
Stephanie Delias, Mary Newman, Dowe Cauthen, Kevin Young

Benediction..... Rev. Tim Paul

Postlude.....Joy Has Dawned on Us.....Keith Lowry  
Carolyn Hartsell, Piano

**Offering**

*You may give online [HERE](#) or  
mail your offering to PO Box 31047, Knoxville, TN 37930*

## **In a year when everything was different, your generosity remained.**

2020 was a year like no other. Between the devastation of the pandemic, concerns over police brutality and racism, and the divisiveness of the elections, our country has experienced hardship and suffering at a level many of us have never seen.

Yet, in the darkest hours of 2020, our faith community has found new and creative ways to continue letting the light of Christ shine in and through us. Look at the ways Ebenezer has continued to touch the world around us in Jesus' name.

- Hot meals by Chef Perry were provided for inner-city families hit hard by the shutdown of non-essential businesses.
- A pizza meal was provided for essential workers at Shannondale Healthcare.
- Fun activities and special treats continued to be provided for our adult friends with autism from the Breakthrough community.
- Over 300 children from our community enjoyed a safe alternative to trick-or-treating at our Drive-thru Trunk or Treat, and nearly that many attended our Drive-Thru Santa Experience.
- New friends locally and around the country became part of our worshipping community as our services and weekly devotions streamed online.
- Meals were provided for displaced Family Promise participants.
- Struggling families were helped with paying their bills.
- Our children led our Palm Sunday worship with a Virtual Procession of Palms.
- Bunk beds were purchased and a roof was provided for a family in need.
- Sleeping bags, jeans and walking shoes were collected for Water Angels.
- Christmas baskets with all the food for a Christmas meal as well as small gifts were distributed to the 26 Wesley House grannies.
- Over \$1,500.00 in Amazon and Walmart gift cards were collected to be used by the Morgan Scott Project for their annual Christmas store for families.
- A "See You at the Pole" time of prayer in August gathered families together to pray for the new school year.
- Minor home repairs and modifications were performed to help make the homes of physically challenged adults and seniors safer.
- Flowers and other goodies were delivered to brighten the day of shut-ins and others who have been homebound during the pandemic.
- Christmas gifts for 79 needy children from Bluegrass Elementary and Wesley House were collected and distributed.
- Christmas gifts and toys were collected to be shared with children in need from an area church that was particularly hard-hit by Covid.

- Meals were provided for Water Angels to feed those who are homeless and marginally housed in downtown Knoxville.
- Children at a local Hispanic Church were given Christmas gifts.

In addition to those things we are aware of, many other anonymous acts of service quietly took place behind the scenes, and all of these things have been made possible because of your faithfulness in giving of your time, talent, and financial resources. What a year it has been!

### **THIS WEEK AT EBENEZER**

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

11:00am—Combined Worship Service

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6**

12:00pm—Devotional on Facebook Live!

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**

12:00pm—Children’s Lesson on Facebook Live!

7:00pm—AA (Sanctuary)

## **Prayer Requests**

### **Celebrations, Thanks, and Praise Reports**

- Wes would like to thank the church for praying for his aunt.
- Thank you to everyone who has faithfully continued to support the work of Ebenezer Church with their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

### **Upcoming Weddings and New Babies**

- Bobby and Sarah M. are in process of adopting a little girl from China. The process has been delayed due to COVID-19. They are anxiously awaiting the day they can bring Ruby home.

### **Concerns and Prayer Requests**

- Pray for members of our community and our world who are facing the challenges of Covid.
- Pray for Rene A.'s brother Mark who has been hospitalized for COVID.
- Our love and sympathy go to Clay and Kay P. and family. Clay's brother, Ottis.
- June A. is dealing with some health concerns.
- Donna L. requests prayer for her dad is who recovering from a stroke.
- Debbie B. requests prayer for her granddaughter and great-grandchildren who tested positive for COVID, and for her daughter, Paula, who has final stage COPD.

- Darrell and Whitney D. ask for prayers for their infant son, Grant, who has been having some lung problems. Please pray that these issues improve and that his upcoming test for cystic fibrosis will come back negative.
- Hayley D. for employment and ongoing health issues.
- Pray for Jana and Dick N. as Dick recovers from some recent health issues.
- Rick B.'s mother May.
- Pray for Steven R. as he deals with challenges in his life.
- Pat G.'s son, Bill, is dealing with advanced Parkinson's disease. Pray for Bill and for Pat as she cares for him.
- Dale S. is dealing with ongoing issues with his back.
- Mary Ann S. has been having a great deal of pain in her back. Pray for comfort and relief from the pain.

### **Family and Friends Facing the Challenges of Cancer**

- Victor B. requests prayer for his father, Henderson, who has been diagnosed with cancer that has spread throughout his body.
- Prayers for Maxine P. as she is receiving radiation treatments for cancer.
- Donna K. asked that we pray for her brother, Kris, who has metastatic pancreatic cancer. Their hope and prayer is that Kris will be able to celebrate this holiday season with the family.
- David F. is currently undergoing treatment for multiple myeloma.
- Carl B's friend is undergoing treatment. She and her family are also dealing with some difficult circumstances.

***Share prayer requests with Pastor Tim, Pastor Nancy,  
or send them to the office at [office@eumcknox.org](mailto:office@eumcknox.org).***