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**BEACH CHURCH**  
Pensacola Beach · Florida

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God, Neighbor and Self

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Worship 9:00 am

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**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**January 9, 2022**

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION**

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation.  
Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.  
Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.  
Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.  
Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

**HYMN# 190** *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

The Choir at King's College

## **SCRIPTURE READING**     Matthew 2:1-12

2:1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2:2 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." 2:3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 2:4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 2:5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 2:6 '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.'" 2:7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 2:8 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." 2:9 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. 2:10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 2:11 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. 2:12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**HYMN# 206** *We Three Kings of Orient Are*                      The Choir at King's College

**SERMON**     *What Glory Will You See?*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORDS PRAYER**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever.     Amen.

**HYMN# 180** *What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest?*     The Choir at King's College

## **BENEDICTION**

## **This Week's Lectionary Readings:**

Sunday, January 9, 2022: Baptism of the Lord

Monday, January 10, 2022: Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-17

Tuesday, January 11, 2022: Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 5:12-21; 1 John 5:13-21

Wednesday, January 12, 2022: Psalm 106:1-12; Numbers 27:1-11; Luke 11:33-36

Thursday, January 13, 2022: Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:1-5; Acts 8:18-24

Friday, January 14, 2022: Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:19-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7

Saturday, January 15, 2022: Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 4:1-4; Luke 11:14-23

## **Poem: "Epiphany" by Walter Brueggemann**

On Epiphany day,

we are still the people walking.

We are still people in the dark,

and the darkness looms large around us,

beset as we are by fear,

anxiety, brutality,

violence, loss —

a dozen alienations that we cannot manage.

We are — we could be — people of your light.

So we pray for the light of your glorious presence

as we wait for your appearing;

we pray for the light of your wondrous grace

as we exhaust our coping capacity;

we pray for your gift of newness that

will override our weariness;

we pray that we may see and know and hear and trust in your good rule.

# FAMILY CORNER

Happy New Year!

I've been working on my list for the new year! I need to exercise more, drink more water, eat more vegetables, read some books, pray more, and read my Bible, and... whew! I'm already tired, just thinking about this stuff! There's no way I'll keep this up. Have you ever made goals or resolutions for yourself?

It's the start of a new year, and that's a time when a lot of people try to say that they are going to improve themselves in various ways. People might try to say they're going to work out, or eat more healthfully, or sleep more, or work harder. They think that a new calendar year means they should make changes for themselves. And it's good to have goals. It's good to try and improve our habits. But it can be difficult, too. Did you know that statistically, of people who make New Year's Resolutions, only eight or nine percent actually say that they kept up and followed through during the whole year? That's a pretty small percentage.

The truth is, it's tough to do things on our own. If we are trying to muscle through and accomplish progress based on sheer personal will power, we are likely to fail. We really aren't capable of doing anything on our own. To truly improve, change must come from the inside. Only in Christ can we have strength to do anything, and through Him we can do all things!

The Bible tells us that Jesus came to make us new. All who receive Him and believe in Him are born of God and become His children. When we believe and receive Christ, it changes Whose we are, and that changes who we are. It's not about telling ourselves to get better or do more; it's recognizing that God loves us and wants to be with us. God can transform our lives better than any New Year's resolution! God can help us to achieve what we hope to do. But the most important thing we can do is seek Him.

When we pray, read our Bibles, and worship, we can grow stronger spiritually. This new year, focus on being changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Exercising more or eating better are fine, but true joy comes through Jesus. Allow God to work in and through you as you embrace His love. Remember that all things are possible through Christ who strengthens you!

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus.

He is the true way to new life.

We can do nothing on our own,

But all things are possible through You.

Thank you for giving us what we need.

Thank you for your love.

In Jesus name,

Amen!