**Service of Word and Table**

at

**Epworth Free Methodist Church**

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**January 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**

*Feast of the Epiphany*

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**“Through the deep current of the historical Wesleyan church we will collaboratively serve and reach the lost in order to make disciples who love Jesus.”**

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**Rector and Pastor:** The Rev. John Crow

**Cantors:** Bryan Vanshur, Shannon Nichols

**Organist:** Trina Moore

**Readers:**

 **Old Testament:** Donna Crow

 **Psalm:** Donna Crow

 **Epistle:** Bryan Vanshur

**Acolytes:** Stephen Crow, Josiah Crow, Corbin Crosswhite, and Jessica Crosswhite

**Jr. Acolytes:** Asher Crow & Lizzie Crosswhite

**Usher:** Asher Crow

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**ACTS OF ENTRANCE**

**Prélude**

 **(The people enter and remain in prayer and meditation.)**

**Entrance canticle (cantor only):**

“And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; To seek for a King was their intent, and to follow the star where’er it went. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.” (*The First Noel*, v. 3, Traditional English)

**Processional Hymn (all standing):**

 *As With Gladness Men of Old* (No. 75)

**The Salutation:**

**Minister:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.*

**Lord’s Prayer:**

**Minister:** Let us pray.

**(All standing):** *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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.* *Amen.*

**The Collect for Purity:**

**Minister:** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord.

**All:** *Amen.*

**The *Gloria*: (all standing, singing):**

**The *Trisagion:***

**Minister:** Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

**People:** *Have mercy upon us.*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Mutual Invocation of the Grace of God for the Service of the Word:**

**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.* **(The people then be seated.)**

**Old Testament Lesson (the people sitting):**

**Reader:** The Old Testament lesson is written in the sixtieth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at verse 1:

1. Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
2. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.
3. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
4. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
5. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
6. A 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 bring good news, the praises of the Lord. (ESV)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm: (The people sit for the responsive reading, by half-verse, of Psalm 72, a song of praise for Christ’s eternal reign.)**

**Reader:** The Psalm is chapter 72, beginning at verse 1.

**Reader:** 1 Give the King your justice, O God,

**People:** *and your righteousness to the King’s Son;*

**Reader:** 2 That he may rule your people righteously

**People:** *and the poor with justice;*

**Reader:** 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,

**People:** *and the little hills bring righteousness.*

**Reader:** 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;

**People:** *he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.*

**Reader:** 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,

**People:** *from one generation to another.*

**Reader:** 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,

**People:** *like showers that water the earth.*

**Reader:** 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;

**People:** *there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be*

*no more.* (BCP)

***Gloria Patri*:**

**Reader:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**People:** *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Collect for the Feast of the Epiphany (the people sitting):**

**Minister:** O God, by the leading of a star You manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know You now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All:** *Amen.*

**The Epistle (the people sitting):**

**Reader:** The Epistle lesson is written in the third chapter of the letter to the Ephesians, beginning at verse 1:

1. For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
2. assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,
3. how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.
4. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,
5. which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.
6. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
7. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.
8. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
9. and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,
10. so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
11. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,
12. in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.
13. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. (ESV)

**Reader:** Here ends the Epistle.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn (all standing):**

 *When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known*, vv. 1-3 (No. 77)

**The Gospel (all standing, and turning toward the Gospel reading):**

**Minister:** The holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, beginning at verse 1:

**Minister:**

1. Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,
2. saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”
3. When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;
4. and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
5. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:
6. “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”
7. Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.
8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”
9. After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.
10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.
11. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.
12. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. (ESV)

**Minister:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to You, Lord Christ*.

**Sequence Hymn (all standing):**

 *When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known*, vv. 4-5 (No. 77)

[Elementary age children may exit for Children's Worship in the Parish Hall.

They will return to the service at the Passing of the Peace.]

**Minister:** Grace be unto you, and peace, from our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** *Amen.* **(The people then be seated.)**

**The Sermon**

**Minister:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Silence, for review of the sermon, and for meditative prayer**

**SERVICE OF THE TABLE: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**The Nicene Creed (all standing):**

**Minister:** Let us confess our faith, saying:

**All:** *We believe in one God,*

 *the Father, the Almighty,*

 *maker of heaven and earth,*

 *of all that is, seen and unseen.*

 *We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,*

 *the only Son of God,*

 *eternally begotten of the Father,*

 *God from God, Light from Light,*

 *true God from true God,*

 *begotten, not made,*

 *of one Being with the Father.*

 *Through him all things were made.*

 *For us and for our salvation*

 *he came down from heaven:*

 *by the power of the Holy Spirit*

 *he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,*

 *and was made man.*

 *For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;*

 *he suffered death and was buried.*

 *On the third day he rose again*

 *in accordance with the Scriptures;*

 *he ascended into heaven*

 *and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

 *He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,*

 *and his kingdom will have no end.*

 *We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,*

 *who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

 *With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.*

 *He has spoken through the Prophets.*

 *We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

 *We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

 *We look for the resurrection of the dead,*

 *and the life of the world to come.* *Amen.*

**Minister: (The people sitting)** Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

**Offertory:**

**Offering Hymn (all standing):**

 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (No. 73)

**Minister:** All things come from You, O Lord.

**People:** *And of your own have we given You.*

 **(The people then be seated.)**

**The Prayers of the People (the people sitting):**

**Minister:** Let us pray for the Church and the world. For the unity of the Church throughout the world, that we might faithfully preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For the persecuted church, and for its persecutors, that You would turn their hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For our President and all who govern and hold authority in our nation and in the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For the good earth which You have given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For all ministers of your Gospel, that they might faithfully preach your Word, administer your sacraments, and care for your people, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among all nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For all those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that in due time we may all stand reconciled before You, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and captives, the unemployed, and all who are in need or trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For our enemies and all who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For this congregation, that we might show forth your glory in all that we do; and for those who have commended themselves to our prayers, including these: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

 [Nation: Barbados

 Denomination: Mennonite Brethren Church

 Congregation: Cadet Chapel (United States Military Academy), West Point, NY, and the Rev. COL. David Bowlus

 Ministry: Fellowship of Christian Athletes

 Parishioners: Those living on Esquire Circle],

 Grant that all of these may be delivered from anxiety, and live in joy, peace, and health.

 *(Please add your own intentions, either silently or aloud.)*

**Minister:** Let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** We bless your holy Name for the thanksgivings of your people, including these: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored;Give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of your heavenly kingdom.

*(Please add your intentions, either silently or aloud.)*

**Minister:** Let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Collect (the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Minister:** Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to You through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All:** *Amen*.

**Preparation for Holy Communion (the people sitting):**

**Minister:** The Lord’s Supper was ordained by God to be a means of conveying grace according to the need of each person. Those for whom it was ordained are all those who know and feel that they want the grace of God, to restrain them from sin, or to forgive their sins, or to assure them of pardon, or to renew their souls in the image of God, or to enter into the holy presence of God in communion with him. No preparation is indispensably necessary, other than a desire to receive the grace God pleases to give. No fitness or church membership is required at the time of communicating, other than a sense of our state, of our utter sinfulness and helplessness apart from Christ. Therefore, if you want such grace as God pleases to give to you, draw near with faith, and as you prepare to receive this holy sacrament to your comfort and strength, make your sincere confession to Almighty God, kneeling if you wish and are able, or otherwise sitting.

**The Prayer of Confession, Petition and Thanksgiving:**

 **(The minister kneels, and the people kneel or sit.)**

**Minister:** Let us pray together:

**All:** *Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all persons: We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. You have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. Where there is sin or falling short of your will in our lives, or any spiritual pride, carelessness or presumption on our part, or any failure to see or know your good and righteous will, we earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our misdoings. Forgive us all that is past, grant that we may ever serve and please You in newness of life, and accept our thanksgiving for the wondrous grace and forgiveness You extend to us, to the honor and glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***Agnus Dei* (the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Prayer for Absolution (the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Minister:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto You; Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** *Amen.*

**The Comforting Words of Forgiveness (the people sitting):**

**Minister:** Hear what comforting words our Savior Christ says to all who truly turn to him: Come to me, all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. Hear also what St. Paul says: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear also what St. John says: If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the atonement for our sins.

**The Passing of the Peace:**

**Minister:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

**Minister:** As the peace of Christ has been extended to you, extend the peace of the Lord to one another, and greet one another in the name of the Lord. **(The people rise and remain standing.)**

 *(The people greet those near to them, saying, “The peace of the Lord be with you,” or, “Peace be with you,” or simply, “Peace.” They respond to one another, “And also with you,” or simply, “Peace”.)*

**Hymn of Entry Into the Heavenly Worship (all standing, singing):**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  (No. 50)

 *v. 1 – Children’s Choir*

 *vv. 2-3 Entire Congregation*

**Preparation for the Table:**

**(Minister:** I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, O LORD, proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.) [Psalm 26:6-7, NIV]

**The *Sursum Corda* (all standing):**

**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**People:**  *And also with you.*

**Minister:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

**Minister:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**People:** *It is meet and right so to do.*

**The Salutation:**

**Minister:** It is very meet, right, and our gladsome duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God,

**The Proper Preface:**

**Minister:** Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, You have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Minister:** Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying,

**The *Sanctus* (all standing, singing):**

**The Prayer of Humble Access and for Cleansing**

**(the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Minister:** Let us pray together:

**All:** *We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But You are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to experience the spiritual presence of your dear Son Jesus Christ at this your table, that we may be made clean by his body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Deliver us, gracious Lord, from the presumption of coming to this table for solace for ourselves only, and not for strength to serve You and others. Deliver us, gracious Lord, from the presumption of coming to this table for pardon of our sins only, and not for transformation of our lives in your holiness. Amen.*

***Epiclesis* Prayer (Invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the Bread and Wine)**

 **(the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Minister:** Holy and gracious Father, in your infinite love You made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, You sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Recalling now his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer You these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also, that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord; through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O Father Almighty, now and for ever.

**All:** *Amen.*

**The Words of Institution (the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Minister:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night that he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

 Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins: Do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

**All:** *Amen.*

**The Acclamation:**

**Minister:** Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People:** *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

**The Fraction:**

**Minister:** Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

**Fraction Anthem (the people kneeling or sitting, singing):**

**Minister:** The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and rose again, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn (cantors only, the people kneeling or sitting):**

 “This star drew nigh to the northwest; O’er Bethlehem it took its rest. And there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.”

 “Then entered in those wise men three, full rev’rently upon the knee, And offered there, in His presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.” (*The First Noel*, vv. 4-5, Traditional English)

 *After the minister(s) and acolyte(s) are served, the people come forward to receive, as space is available. The people kneel if they are able, or stand.* **Communion by intincture: The people receive the Bread in their open hands, continue to hold it, then dip the Bread in the cup, and then consume.** *They return to their seats via the side aisles.*)

**Renewal of the Mutual Invocation of God’s Grace for the Eucharist:**

**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Living Sacrifice:**

 **(The minister kneeling, the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Minister:** Let us pray together:

**All:** *O Lord and Heavenly Father, we heartily thank You because You feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; because by this You assure us of your favor and goodness toward us; because we are living members of the body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. We ask You to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ and through faith in him, we and all your whole Church may obtain all of the benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto You; humbly asking You that we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto You, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.* **(The people stand.)**

 **ACTS OF DISMISSAL**

**The *Gloria* Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving (all standing):**

**Minister:** Let us pray together:

**All:** *Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will toward all people. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**For You only are the Holy One, You only are the Lord, You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn (all standing):**

 *Sing of God Made Manifest* (No. 88)

**The Prayer of Benediction:**

**Minister:** May the Daystar from on High shine upon you, guiding your feet into the way of peace; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**All:** *Amen.*

**Minister:** Let us go forth in peace, walking as children of the Light.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**(The people then be seated.)**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Postlude:**

 **(The people sit and remain quiet until the candles are extinguished and the organ raises its voice.)**

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**Scripture Lessons for January 12 (First Sunday after the Epiphany):**

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Parish Prayer for This Week and Next Sunday**

Those living on Esquire Drive

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**Parish Notices**

**Today: Epiphany Pageant & Party**

Immediately following the 12 days of Christmas is Epiphany, or manifestation. This season celebrates the revealing of the Messiah to the world, which is generally associated with the arrival of the 3 wise men and Jesus’ baptism. Epworth’s annual end-of-Christmas revelry will be held immediately following today’s service. We will have a short pageant, followed by food and a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring something to give that you have around the house but no longer want—one item per member of your family. There will also be Three Kings’ cakes, and sandwiches provided by Parish Life. We also ask that each family bring an appetizer to share.

Following the Epiphany party, we will be taking down all the Christmas decorations and storing them until next year. If you are able to stay for a little while, your help would be greatly appreciated!

**Coming Events at Epworth**

 Today, 10:00 am Word & Table Service

 Today, 11:40 Afterword (moderated discussion)

Thursday, 9 JAN Evening & Healing Prayers (7 pm)

**January Birthdays & Anniversaries**

 10 – Michael Roberts

 14 – John & Mindy Crow

**Sermon Notes**

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