



**Epiphany**  
**9:30 am Worship**  
**Service**  
**January 10, 2021**

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182  
Springfield, Missouri 65810

January 10, 2021

**PRELUDE**

*Instrumental*

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GATHERING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In this season of Epiphany, the nature of God is unveiled, we confess our sin before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

**C** Loving God, in all times you call us to follow your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. We want to change but your unconditional love is not what we expected. We see miracles of healing, abundance and feeding yet we doubt they can happen to us. We hear you calling us into deep waters but we are afraid of sinking. We feel you calling us to change from within yet we do not expect it is possible. All we see is our faults, mistakes and sin. Like Peter we say, "Go away from me Lord, I am a sinner" Following you is not what we expected.

**P** Dear child of God, hear the unexpected Good News. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are enough. All things are possible with God! The same spirit who was in Jesus is in you! Empowering you to love as Christ loved. The same Spirit that named Jesus the "Beloved" calls you to love the world! The very same power that healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind and awakened the dead, lives in you. Christ's love is not what we expected, this is the Good News! Let the peace of Christ, the Love of Christ and the Spirit of God grow in you breath by breath, that we become all that we were created to be.

**C** Amen.

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.*
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near  
Is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.*
- 5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.*

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

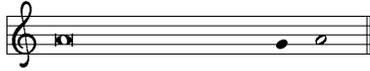
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**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

- P** The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.
- C** And also with you

**\*KYRIE**

*Setting 4, ELW*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



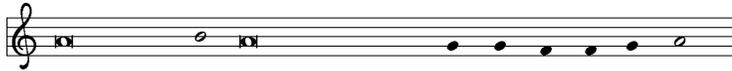
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** Almighty and ever-living God

**C** you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift 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. <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM READING

*Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14*

*(the Worship Assistant reads the non-bold print; the congregation reads the bold print)*

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

<sup>2</sup>**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

<sup>3</sup>May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup>**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

<sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

<sup>12</sup>**For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Setting 4*



**P** The Holy Gospel according to the second chapter of Matthew

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

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

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

*Pastor Katherine O. Hayes-Wallenburg*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The First Noel, vs. 1,2,4 & 5*

*ELW # 300*

*1 The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.*

*2 They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Refrain*

*4 This star drew near 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. Refrain*

*5 Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. Refrain*

Text: English traditional

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living 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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (*The response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*)

**\*DISTRIBUTION OF STAR WORDS**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always

**C** And also with you.

# THANKSGIVING

*No offering plates passed at this time. Please place your offerings in the offering plates located at the back of the sanctuary.*

## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## SENDING

### \*THE BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you + peace.

**C** Amen.

### \*SENDING HYMN

*Christ, Be Our Light! vs. 1, 2, & 5*

*ELW # 715*

*1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.*

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.*

*Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

*2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. Refrain*

*5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. Refrain*

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### \*DISMISSAL

**P** God has a vision for us through the resurrected Christ!

**C** **To be Spirit Led and Love Driven.**

**A** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness!

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### \*POSTLUDE

*Instrumental*

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## Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 1/6/2021)

When a prayer request is given to Pastor Katherine and/or the church office the names are included on the prayer list for three weeks and then removed. Sometimes it is requested for names to remain on our prayer list longer than three weeks. We are asking for your help to keep our congregational prayer list current by incorporating a new section called "Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving." Please let us know when someone's health and/or situation has improved, and they will be placed in the new section for three weeks and then removed. This revision will provide all of us the collective opportunity to pray for all current needs as well as give prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God. ***Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.*** (The prayer list is printed within each worship service bulletin.)

**We pray for:** The congregations and ministries of the Central States Synod and for our companion Synod in Russia; Rev. Alexander Lapochenko and the congregations of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Arsenyev, Russia, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Magadan, Russia; for the leaders of Russia and its neighbors; for the church in Russia. Rev. Bradn Buerkle, Dean for the (Russian) Far East; wife (Natasha) and sons Matvey, Martin and Lukas. Russian Pastor Gleb Pivovarov and for his wife, Anastasia. Prayers for Russian lay preacher Andrei Olzols and his wife, Viktoria.

**We pray for POP members:** Don & Becky Skare, Jeff Campbell, Bill & Elfreda Cole, Paul Potthoff, Jenny Mattison, Frank "Butch" & Donna Hayden, Eric Wilson, Jim & Judy Wenzl, Andy Derr, Gabe Derr, Elaine Huy, Les Rohr, Edie Kruse, Darrel Arnold, Jim & Sherry Smith, Leania Carter, Nancy Wilson, Bree Kolie and Guy Kolie.

**We pray for the loved ones and friends of POP members:** { "◀" indicates a continuing prayer request }

Anna Fisher and family of Amos & Gayle ▶

Jackie Milan, health concerns. Friend of Amos and Gayle Bell. ▶

Tammy Milan, breast cancer. Friend of Amos & Gayle Bell. ▶

Rita Wirtz and daughter Tammy; both are battling breast cancer. Friends of Gayle and Amos Bell ▶

Christian Flood & parents Shelly & Shannon. Grandson of Kathy Corwin ▶

Molly Plate, neighbor of Barry & Patty Killian, breast cancer. ▶

Susan Griffiths, chronic health concerns; friend of Angie Messner ▶

Jan McCoy, battling cancer ▶

Hank Washburn, brother of Diane, Parkinsons stage IV ▶

Chris Artis Johnson, daughter of Jan Artis ▶

Norman Beaver, cousin of Gayle Bell, health concerns ▶

Oliver Jones, struggling with autism. Grandson of Chuck & Sherry Jones ▶

Paul Smith, son of Jim & Sherry Smith ▶

Larkin Wahl, brother of Shawn aggressive treatment for cancer ▶

Stacy, friend of the Vinsand's who is in need of a heart transplant ▶

Pam Teeter, relapse of cancer. Friend of Chuck and Sherry Jones ▶

Keith Burrell, brother of Carol Lewis ▶

Bev Hall, aunt of Angie Messner, who has MS ▶

Char Rutkowski, good friend of Trisha Lambert's, whose cancer has recurred ▶

Jean Wallenburg, sister-in-law of Roger & Pastor Katherine, pancreatic cancer and undergoing treatment (10/15) ▶

Sterling Osborn, 13 y/o grandson of Greg Roger's aunt, with Ewings Sarcoma shoulder tumor undergoing treatment

Floyd Davis, step-father of Trisha Lambert ▶

Shirley Dowell, mother of Pastor Katherine's good friend and colleague Fred Milliga. Shirley has cancer /approaching end of life.

Robyn Rakers, friend of Julie Karlson just diagnosed with breast cancer (10/18)

Margie Appelman, mother of Sarah Derr

Doug & Tina Reynolds, daughter and son in law of Amos & Gayle Bell

Bev Block, sister of Nancy Wilson who lives in Michigan and who was admitted with Covid.

Victoria Reid, mother of Carmen Whorley, in hospice care

Shellena Jones, daughter of Don Jones, in chronic kidney failure and needs a transplant, and for Don's sister who has Covid.

Jan Rorrer is a coworker of Theresa Kolie-Jones. She has a colostomy bag due to cancer, and was just diagnosed with COVID-19

Renee Johnson, Sharlene Snyder's niece, broke her hip and had a partial hip replacement 12/5

Harold Stewart & family as Harold is Peggy McCabe's uncle and had a heart attack

Craig Calnan

Sheri & Michael Emard, niece & nephew-in-law of Sharma Hightower – both Covid+ and have underlying medical conditions (1/5)

**We remember those who grieve:**

The family and friends of Bishop Harold Skillrud, Bishop Emmeritus of the Southeastern Synod who passed January 5

The family and friends of Fred Stubbendick, brother of Elfreda Cole who passed December 30 in Nebraska

The family and friends of Terry Corino, dear friend and colleague of Conita Gaines who passed December 23 in Springfield

***About Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (POP)***

As a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are a community of faith, gathered together by the Spirit, fed with the Word and with the Sacraments, and sent to serve in the name of Christ. Some of the gifts gathered within this congregation are teaching, compassion, hospitality, music and drama. All baptized who believe in the presence of Christ are invited to receive communion. The invitation is extended not by us, but by our Lord Jesus Christ, who also equips us to serve each other, our community and the world.

Come, taste and see that the Lord is good!

***Our Core Beliefs:***

We are saved by the grace of God alone -- not by anything we do.  
Our salvation is through faith alone -- a confident trust in God,  
who in Christ promises us forgiveness, life and salvation.  
The Bible is the norm for faith and life -- the true standard  
by which teachings and doctrines are to be judged.

## PRINCE OF PEACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAYER LIST:** Call or email the church office with prayer requests for the congregational prayer list, the telephone prayer chain and/or email prayer group who will also lift up your prayer concerns.

**WORSHIP SIGN-UP:** Remember to sign-up for PoP's Saturday and Sunday Worship Services.

**A REQUEST FROM YOUR WORSHIP TEAM TO SERVICE ATTENDEES:** Congregants, please wipe down your pew after the worship service ends. Thank you!

**A REMINDER TO TURN OFF CELL PHONES AND/OR PLACE ON AIR PLANE MODE** prior to the beginning of worship! Thanks!



**JANUARY 9 & 10 NOISY OFFERINGS TO GO TO:  
Least of These - Dietary Restrictions**

Funds collected will go for food such as gluten free, diabetic foods and sugar free items

**POINSETTIAS:** If you gave a poinsettia in December, please take your poinsettia(s) home after worship today. Thanks!

**A REMINDER A CAPITAL APPEAL IS IN PROGRESS:** A reminder a capital appeal is in progress since November 15<sup>th</sup> to pay for the new equipment and technology needed to continue offering virtual worship services. *Thanks! Worship and Music Team*

**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO RECORD WORSHIP SERVICES** each week in the sanctuary. If you are interested in assisting with recording worship services, please contact Worship & Music Team Leader Nyssa Brockhoff at [popworshipandmusicteam@gmail.com](mailto:popworshipandmusicteam@gmail.com). Thank you! *Worship and Music Team*

**2020 CHRISTMAS IN JAIL:** In years past the items collected by POP for our jail ministry have been taken to 2 men who were allowed to conduct Christian ministry in 5 area county jails. At his time, due to COVID, most of those jails aren't allowing ministry items to go in. BEFORE CHRISTMAS WE DELIVERED ITEMS TO BE TAKEN INTO ONE JAIL & WERE ALSO ABLE TO DELIVER PAPERBACKS & WORD PUZZLE BOOKS TO THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY JAIL. As other jails open up, we will take items for them & I will keep you updated. Thank you, again, for your kind generosity & concern for these folks! We ask again that you remember in prayer, God's children who are inmates or jail staff in area county jails & their dear ones, families, and victims! P.S. Thank you for the Christmas cards. While we didn't need them for the jails this year (some had enough left from last year & others only allow postcards), we took them to Council of Churches for Safe to Sleep and anywhere else they could make use of them. Gayle Bell & Outreach Team

**THANK YOU!** Thanks to the generosity of the POP congregation we collected 20 lap throws, 2 dozen slippers, over 50 puzzle books, coloring books, crayons and colored pencils for Glendale Nursing Home. Also had a lot of candy and cookies. I am sure the residents will enjoy all of it. *Kathy Corwin & Outreach Team*

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES 2021** Offering envelopes are now in member mail slots. Thank you to those who responded they did not elect to use envelopes for this year. If you find you do not have offering envelopes in your mail slot, please contact Sharma Hightower, Financial Secretary at her new church email: [popelcafinancialsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:popelcafinancialsecretary@gmail.com). If you would like your envelopes mailed to you, please also contact Sharma and/or the church office and they will be placed in the mail within a week.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO JEFFREY EVANS OF ACORN TREE CARE** for cutting down and cutting up the dead ash tree on the north side of the church property at no charge in December! Thank you also to those who helped haul it off and/or burn the remains. For those who would like Jeffrey Evans' of Acorn Tree Care's phone number, it is 417-838-4856. *Property Team*

### **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES!**

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate located at the back of the church either before or after the worship service
- 2) Mail your offering to the church
- 3) Give electronically by downloading the  app on your telephone or tablet; select Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Springfield, MO and give at your convenience
- 4) Go to [pop-elca.net](http://pop-elca.net) home page, scroll to the bottom where you will see the opportunity to give online
- 5) Scan the QR code. Once scanned with a QR reader on your phone or tablet, it will immediately take you to where you can give your offering through the  app





## 2021 THANKOFFERING OPPORTUNITIES

Over the years, the women of our church have held gatherings as in fellowship, worship, and offering. In 2020, we were not able to do this, so several of us thought it might be a time to lift up thank offering Opportunities. These will be housed in the little church containers pictured above. The offerings will be sent to our synod office to support synod-wide scholarships for women to attend conferences and WELCA conventions.

The boxes will be available in the narthex for women who want to participate. IF you need one mailed to you, just give the office a call and I will make sure you get one. We will collect the boxes on December 1, 2021.

We all have blessings to be thankful for even after experiencing 2020. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 417-766-5022. Blessings and good wishes for spirit-filled 2021. *Trisha Lambert*

### SERVANTS OF THE LORD

SEW SOTL	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
<b>Worship Asst.</b>	Brandon Messner	Gayle Bell	Roger Wallenburg	Gayle Bell
<b>Greeter</b>	Peggy McCabe	Peggy McCabe	Ed & Sarah Derr	Peggy McCabe
Sunday SOTL	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
<b>Worship Asst.</b>	Gail Ernst	Julie Karlson	Scott Simpson	Cherie Guillen
<b>Greeters</b>	Desiree & Brandon Flood	Patricia Van Aken	Bill Ernst	Roger Wallenburg
<b>Usher</b>	Bill Ernst	Herb Peterson	Joel & Julie Karlson	Brandon & Desiree Flood

<u>Date SEW</u>	<u>Pianists</u>	<u>Song Leader</u>
January 9	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner
January 16	Brant Jester	Nyssa Brockhoff
January 23	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner
January 30	Videos	

<u>Date SUNDAY</u>	<u>Pianists</u>	<u>Song Leaders</u>	<u>Video</u>
January 10	Joan Twiton	Nyssa Brockhoff	
January 17	Joan Twiton	Ross Jahn	Brett Onstott
January 24	Joan Twiton		Roger Wallenburg
January 31	Joan Twiton	Ross Jahn	Brett Onstott

## PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

<b>Sunday, January 10</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service led by Pastor Katherine O. Hayes-Wallenburg with NOISY OFFERINGS</b>
<b>Monday, January 11</b>	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, January 12</b>	9:30 am	Pericope Team Study (via ZOOM)
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b><i>Church Council Meeting</i></b>
	6:30 pm	“Yarning for the Lord” (TNT Room)
<b>Wednesday, January 13</b>		Pastor Katherine attending Spiritual Direction course
<b>Thursday, January 14</b>		Pastor Katherine attending Spiritual Direction course
<b>Friday, January 15</b>		Pastor Katherine attending Spiritual Direction course
<b>Saturday, January 16</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Worship Service</b>
<b>Sunday, January 17</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>

### PRINCE OF PEACE STAFF

**Pastor Katherine O. Hayes-Wallenburg**

**Dr. Tammy Jahnke, PMA**

Joan Twiton, Organist

Heather Roberts, Office Manager

Sharma Hightower, Financial Secretary

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