

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Epiphany of Our Lord
LBW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, January 5, 2020**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

PRELUDE: "We Three Kings" Arr. Galinaitis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (LBW p. 77)**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN: “Son of God, Eternal Savior” (LBW364)**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING: (LBW p. 78)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE: (LBW p. 78)**



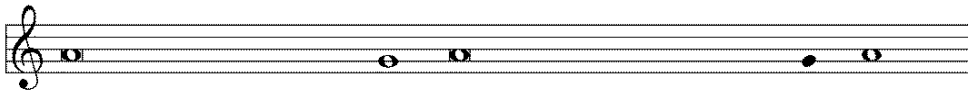
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



B Lord, have mer - cy.



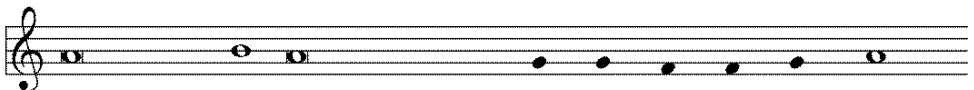
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



A 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

***HYMN OF PRAISE: (LBW p. 79)**

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.

Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:

We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.

Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.

For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,



***PRAYER OF THE DAY: (LBW p. 82)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

ANTHEM: "In the Bleak Midwinter" Holst/Rossetti

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,

and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,

and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift 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.

⁵Then 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.

⁶A 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
- ²**that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;**
- ³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the little | hills bring righteousness.
- ⁴**He shall defend the needy a- | mong the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush | the oppressor.**
- ⁵He shall live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
- ⁶**He shall come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**
- ⁷In his time shall the | righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
- ¹⁰**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles | shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba | offer gifts.**
- ¹¹All kings shall bow | down before him,
and all the nations | do him service.
- ¹²**For he shall deliver the poor who cries out | in distress,
and the oppressed who | has no helper.**
- ¹³He shall have pity on the low- | ly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives | of the needy.
- ¹⁴**He shall redeem their lives from oppres- | sion and violence,
and dear shall their blood be | in his sight.**

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of

the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH PASTOR

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (LBW p. 83)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “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.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

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.”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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.” ⁹When 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.

¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: (LBW p. 83)

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “Sing We Now of Christmas” (see insert)**

***NICENE CREED: (LBW p. 84)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

**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 worshipped 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**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, continue to provide dedicated leaders and passionate people for your church, so that wisdom and compassion in all its rich variety may be made known throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your glory shines around us in every star, creature, and person. Liberate us from the ways we destroy your creation. Free us to care for the earth so that all experience your bountiful goodness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give your justice to the leaders of the world, O God. Endow them with humble courage to defend the cause of the poor and give deliverance to those in need, so that peace abounds in all countries. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By the guidance of a star, you led the magi to pay homage to the Christ child. Protect new families, those who live alone, travelers, those who suffer loss, and all others in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ever-present One, in Christ Jesus we boldly come before you in worship. Nurture and encourage all who gather for worship, those who serve in worship leadership roles, and all who participate in the work of this faith community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Generous God, throughout time you have given us people who have shown us the gift of your grace. Inspire us by their faithfulness to serve you and all your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE: (LBW p. 86)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

COLLECTION

***OFFERING: (LBW p. 86)**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: (LBW p. 87)**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***DIALOGUE: (LBW p. 87)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

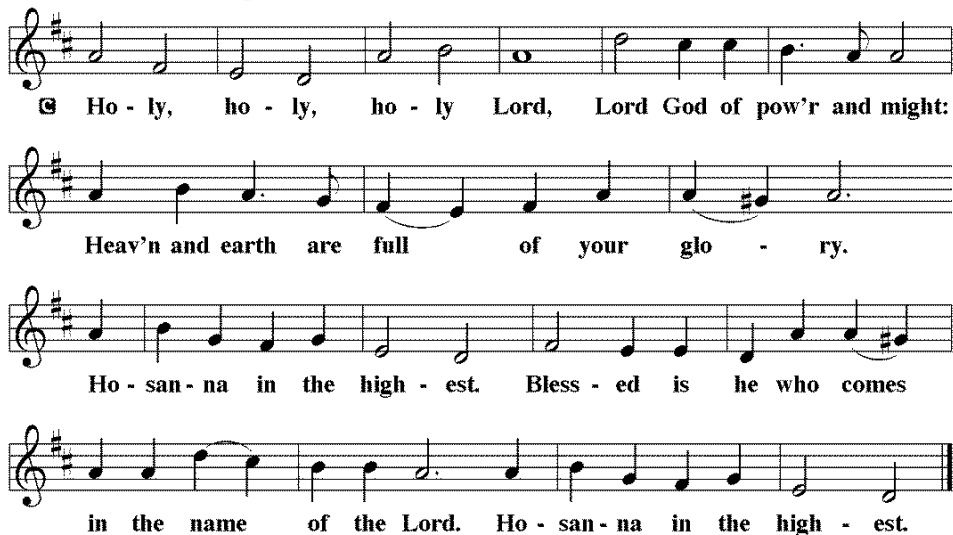
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***PREFACE: (LBW p. 88)**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.

Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS: (LBW p. 89)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING: (LBW p. 89)**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.

You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

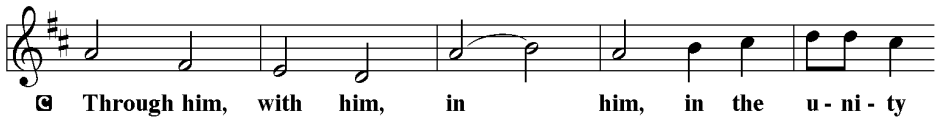
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



***LORD'S PRAYER: (LBW p. 91)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

***COMMUNION HYMN: (LBW p. 92)**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION: (LBW p. 91)

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (WOV 646)

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE: (LBW p. 92)**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: (LBW p. 94)**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***BLESSING: (LBW p. 94)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen**

***SENDING HYMN: "As with Gladness Men of Old" (LBW 82 vs. 1, 3, 5)**

***DISMISSAL: (LBW p. 94)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light" Bach

Today's communion bread and wine are presented to the Glory of God, by Butch & Susie Hengst.

Today's altar flower arrangement is presented in memory of Claude & Nelda Roser, by the Roser family.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 1/12/20

Isa 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matt 3:13-17

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

- ❖ **Restrooms** are located on the level of the Upstairs Fellowship Area very close to the steps on the right hand side of the stage, and in the hallway at the top of the steps on the left hand side of the stage.
- ❖ **We offer a Nursery** for young children who are still learning to take part in worship, and may need some time outside of the sanctuary.
- ❖ **We have two rockers in the back of the sanctuary** for those who want to rock little ones or who may need a different seating option other than a pew. Please feel free to use the rockers as you need.
- ❖ **We hope you find us gracious and welcoming** on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Bailey, Linda Beegle, Brian Dell, Floyd Dell, Betty Gaither,
Mike Gemmill, Shannon Hildebrand, Jen Janus, Karen Landis, Don Miller,
Jim Ream, Steve Scott, Bryan Sellers, Susette Stallard

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY

Greeters.....Delores Hickman, Carrie Miller
Acolyte.....Allison Fisher
Assisting Minister.....Diane Bortner
Lector.....Joy Keller-Brown
Offering Ushers.....Edgar Davis, Joy Keller-Brown,
Tom Bailey, Rich Harden
Communion Usher.....Rich Harden
Communion Assistant.....Carrie Miller
Nursery.....Harden family
Social Time.....Beegle family
Offering Depositors.....Edgar Davis, Joy Keller-Brown
Counters.....Evie Roser, Diane Bortner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Servants' lists for January and February are now available on the sign-up table in the Upstairs Fellowship Area.

After over 14 months, we have returned to our home in Glen Rock. We would once again like to thank everyone who has kept us in their thoughts and prayers during this time. We are so grateful for the support and care our family has received by family, friends and the local community. – The Davis Family

The office will not be receiving the 2020 offering envelopes until sometime in January. The company we order our envelopes from has stated they are having an issue with production machines and cannot produce our order, at this time. Generic offering envelopes are available on the sign-up table in the Upstairs Fellowship area for you to use in January. Your 2020 envelope number will be the same as your envelope number in 2019.

Have ideas for Zion's worship service? Concerned about something that needs to be fixed? Got questions about Zion's day to day operations? We are here for you! Please reach out to Bill, Donna or Joy anytime with your ideas, concerns and questions. They will listen and work toward continuous improvement. Small changes make big impacts and your ideas are valuable.

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Inclement weather: If services or activities at Zion will be changed, canceled or otherwise impacted by inclement weather, you will find a notice of the change on Zion's website, Zion's Facebook page, and the Church Office telephone answering machine (717-235-3276). If this change will impact a Sunday morning service, an update will be posted by 8:00AM on Sunday morning. Ultimately, you should use your best judgement on whether or not to travel during inclement weather.

Most worship services are recorded. Audio recordings of the lessons and sermons can be found on Zion's website www.zionglenrock.org.

Pre-reader and reader versions of the children's bulletin can be found in the Hanover St. vestibule on a weekly basis.

Additional parking, during worship services and events at Zion, is available in the Glen Rock Ambulance Club parking lot.

If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joy Keller-Brown, Donna Price, Bill Ream, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, George Brown, Carrie Miller, Edgar Davis and Gevene Harden

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ZION'S SCHEDULE for THIS WEEK

Sunday, 1/5

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament
-Children's Church begins after Children's Time with the pastor
10:10AM Social Time
10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

Monday, 1/6

8:00 AM Samaritans Sewing Group
7:00 PM Council Meeting
7:30 PM AA

Tuesday, 1/7

7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Thursday, 1/9

6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

ZION'S SCHEDULE for NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 1/12

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament

-Children's Church begins after Children's Time with the pastor

10:10AM Social Time

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

6:15 PM Youth Group

Monday, 1/13

8:00 AM Samaritans Sewing Group

7:00 PM Cub Scout Committee meeting

7:30 PM AA

Tuesday, 1/14

7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Thursday, 1/16

6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

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Acolyte.....	Robert Harden
Assisting Minister.....	Donna Price
Lector.....	Carrie Miller
Offering Ushers.....	Edgar Davis, Joy Keller-Brown, Felicia Ernst, Sue Hengst
Communion Usher.....	Edgar Davis
Communion Assistant.....	Bill Ream
Nursery.....	McCullough family
Social Time.....	Bev Reindollar
Offering Depositors.....	Edgar Davis, Joy Keller-Brown
Counters.....	Bev Reindollar, Gloria Ream