

EPIPHANY



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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January 4, 2026

9:30am Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

“BUSY BAGS”: Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

NURSERY CARE: Available during worship for children birth-kindergarten. The nursery is past the office, to the right. See an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Is held during worship for 1st – 7th graders, except the first Sunday of the month.

RESTROOMS: Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

GET CONNECTED: Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering plates during the offering time.

WIFI & DEVICES: Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: “gladurhere!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: The new year has begun, the joy of Christmas is still speckled around us, and we are brought to wonder, “What next?” Commonly there is a moment of hope filled wonder, which quickly degrades into more of the same. Because change is hard. Anyone who has tried, knows this to be true. And yet, that wondering of hope filled possibility is the treasure reminding us to look for something bigger than what we have known thus far. What then is the hope God is inviting you to open your heart to?

Opening Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of Christ's Peace

(Rise in body or spirit to share Christ's peace using customary forms of greeting or by using a peace sign. Please be seated once the prelude begins.)

Prelude: “What Star is This?” - Puer Nobis arr. by Franklin Ritter

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into our presence, calling us to worship)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Pastor: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**People: Nations come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Pastor: Though darkness has covered the earth and thick darkness the people,

People: The glory of God appears over us.

Pastor: For here and now we see and are made to be radiant;

People: Our hearts thrill and rejoice at the coming of our Lord.

Pastor: Then let us bring our gifts of gold and frankincense;

People: Let us proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Pastor: For we worship the one who is Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit,
Lord of us all.

People: Amen!

Processional Hymn: "As With Gladness Men of Old" (p. #159)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: God of new beginnings and promised hope,
every day we stand on the threshold of your invitation
to live into the promise of your new life.
Yet rarely do we take the invitation.
The list of reasons and explanations is long.
Yet the truth remains,
we are fearful to fully and completely give ourselves to you.
Forgive our sin, as you free us to the wonder of the Magi,
the love of Mary, the fortitude of Joseph,
and the simplicity of Jesus.
Free us from the weight of our past and the fears of our future,
so that we might be found in you now.
Come, Lord Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

(Personal prayers for God's healing and redeeming peace)

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...Already you are in the merciful and loving hands of God.
Already you have been set free to the glory of God!

People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Confession Response (Unison)



Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

Yen la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a - ma Dios. . . .
 And on earth be peace to all peo-ple with whom God is pleased.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps. No Sunday School today.)

Prayer of Illumination

All: **Holy One, in the time of Mary and Joseph
 you made your Word flesh in Jesus, the Christ,
 that we may witness your truth and behold your love.
 Open our hearts anew, to see of your truth that may live of your love.
 Speak Lord, for your servants are listening. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14 (p. #192)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were

marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (p. #2)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: “Looking For Something Bigger”

Chancel Choir Anthem: “Arise, Shine” - Thomas Keesecker

WE RESPOND TO GOD

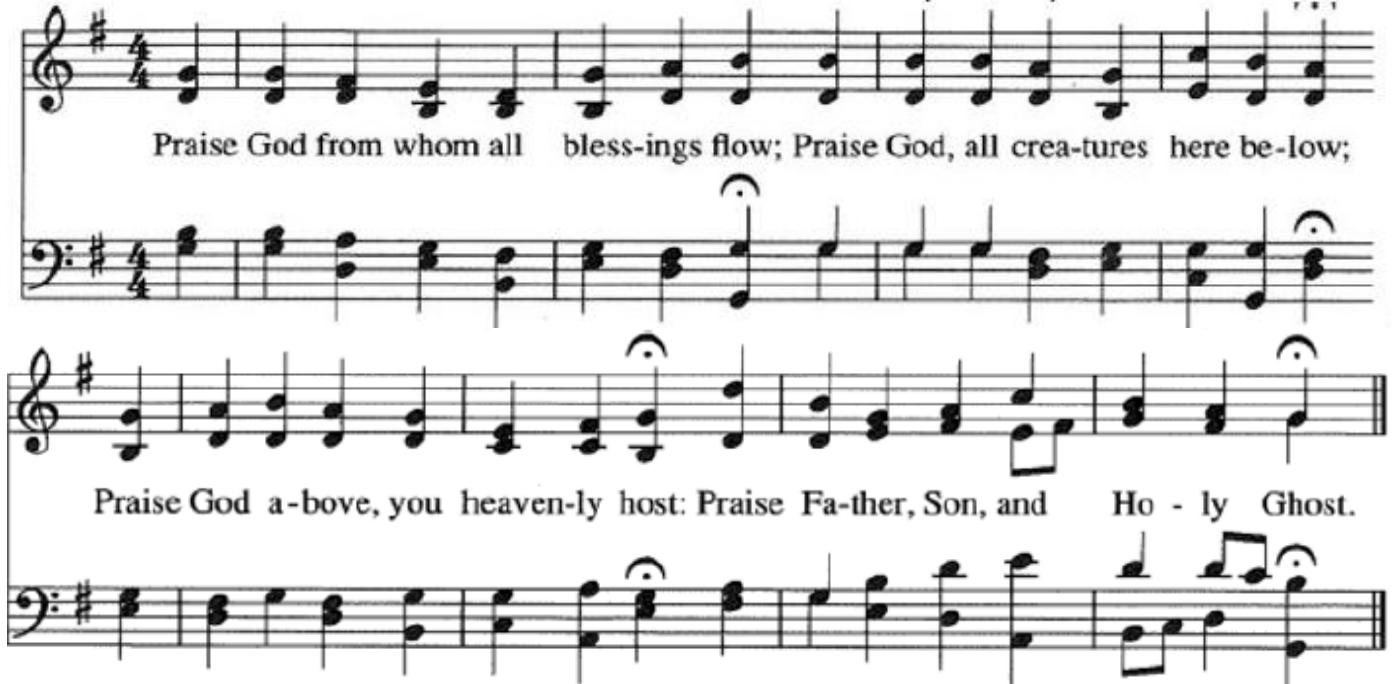
Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*(Electronic & physical giving options are available through the pew envelope.
Register your attendance with a Welcome Card or using Realm's mobile check-in.)*

Offertory: “We Three Kings” - John H. Hopkins, arr. by Lani Smith

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

All: Bountiful God, in the giving of your Son,
you have given a gift that can never be repaid.
Yet, receive our gifts of joy and thanks.
Bless them we pray, as you deepen our walk with you
and as you strengthen the ministries of this church,
so that the light of your love
may shine all the more brightly within this world.
In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: “What Child Is This” (p. #148)

Invitation

Pastor: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. All you who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst”

People: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**Men and women, youth and children,
come from the east and the west, from the north and the south
to gather about Christ’s table.**

Pastor: Come all of you who hunger and are heavily laden,
for it is Christ who meets us here
that we may share in fullness of Christ’s body and presence.

Great Communion Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: ...Therefore, with the faithful in every time and place,
we lift our voices with joy to praise your holy name:

Seraphic Hymn (*Sung in Unison*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

All: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sharing of Elements – Communion by Intinction

(All who desire to unite their lives in discipleship to Christ are welcome to receive communion. Starting with the front pews, ushers will invite you to come forward to receive a piece of bread – gluten free option in the center - to dip into the chalice of red wine or white grape juice. After consuming the dipped bread, continue to the side aisle to return to your seat. To have the elements brought to you, inform the usher who will direct the pastor once all others have come forward.)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Glorious God, you have shared your presence with us
through the gift of your Son and the holy splendor of this meal.
May our lives now radiate the glory of your hope, peace, joy, and love.
Inspired by your presence, may we give of ourselves
in service to you and to this world,
so that all may come to feast upon your goodness
and know the wonder you have birthed to life in the Christ.
Glory be to you God, Most High. Amen.**

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” (p. #154)

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world, as the choir leads us in the way.)

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: “Brightest and Best” - Morning Star arr. by John M. Easley

(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.)

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, January 4 – Epiphany – Communion by Intinction, First Sunday Fellowship

8:30 AM	Chancel Choir
9:30AM	Worship, Nursery, Communion by Intinction, First Sunday Fellowship
4:30 PM	Girl Scout Troop 192 – Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 5

8:15 AM	815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Exercise Group – Upper Level
11:00 AM	Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
7:30 PM	Recovering Couples Group – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 6

8:15 AM	815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday, January 7

8:15 AM	815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Exercise Group – Upper Level
11:30 AM	Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 8

8:15 AM	815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Women's Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Bell Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, January 9

8:15 AM	815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM	Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	Brownie Troop 1159 Event

Saturday, January 10

9:00 AM	Brownie Troop 1159 Event
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Sunday, January 11 – Baptismal Remembrance

8:30 AM	Chancel Choir
9:30AM	Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
1:00 PM	Wyomissing Girl Scout Troop 1693 – Room 22
4:00 PM	Brownie Troop 1159 – Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS & CARES

Congregational Cards of Care

God invites us to share life-giving love through our faith. One way to do this is to weekly join in our “Cards of Care” ministry. This week we are uplifting Jon Scott, who now lives far from Bausman. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week’s card. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Thank you for joining in the joy and care of others by including the following prayers in your prayer times. Submit your prayer requests by using a Prayer Card, contacting the church office, or the prayer chain coordinator (Mary Moll). Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible, please check with the person before submitting their name.

Praise & Celebrations: St. John's Gernanats UCC and Pastor Frances Merkel; Children's Pageant Participants and Teachers

Healing & Strengthening: Virginia Buser; Jan Heist; Andrew Wolfe (National Guardsman); Lorraine Yahner

Care & Support: Virginia Buser; Jan Heist; Andrew Wolfe (National Guardsman); Lorraine Yahner

Comfort In Time of Loss: Virginia Buser; Jan Heist; Andrew Wolfe (National Guardsman); Lorraine Yahner

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

1/6 G. Thompson Bell

Tyler Rank

1/7 Siena Carlino

1/10 Judy Burkey

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

1/9 Sam & Peggy Brown

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God, by Sue Wentink.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Mike Ritter

Ushers: Cece Wagner, Mike Ritter, Marjorie

Huyett, Kathy Errich

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Gary Rhoads

Welcome: Lori Moser

Pianist: Debbie Weinhold

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery: Amalia Cannon & Ella Ander

Altar Guild: Marjorie Huyett & Michele

Wolfskill

Elders: *Cece Wagner (assist pastor during Intinction), *Mike Ritter (direct worshippers)

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"LOOK AND SEE"
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
JANUARY 4, 2026

(Visit bausmanucc.org and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)

First Sunday Fellowship – Following worship today, stay for a time of connection and light refreshments. This is a great opportunity to build new relationships and strengthen old ones. To ensure accessibility for all, the fellowship time, with its light refreshments, will be held in the sanctuary.

Clothing Collection for Hope Rescue and Lighthouse - Since 1894, Hope Rescue Mission has been a place of refuge for the homeless men, women, and children of Berks County, PA. They offer residential programs that people can work their way through to transition back into the community as productive and independent individuals. Guests of the Mission are offered spiritual enrichment opportunities where they can learn about the gospel and deepen their relationship with God. Guests are provided case advocacy where they are linked to supportive services and housing search supports.

Through the month of January, Bausman will collect all season clothing for both HOPE RESCUE and LIGHTHOUSE. Please bring items to church where drop boxes will be set up in the East Narthex through January 25. Items are coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, towels, belts, purses and new men's underwear size small to XXXL.



Bausman Annual Soup Sale - The Fundraising Committee will hold their annual Soup Sale January 27-31, 2026. Soup options will be Chicken Noodle, Chicken Corn Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Italian Wedding Soups and Turkey Chili and will be \$11/quart. We recommend that if you are interested in purchasing soup, don't put off placing an order. There will be limited quantities available after orders are filled. Use the QR code to the left, or pick up an order form on the table in the sanctuary. Thank you for your support with this event. Question? Contact Lori Moser 610-678-7395.

Ways to Support the Annual Soup Sale - As you know, this is one of our major fundraisers for the year. Many volunteers are needed for this event. In January, and you can sign up for various days and hours during the week of the sale. Please join us, even if you are available for only an hour or two.

Also, help get the word out! Handouts with a QR code to the order form, as well as hard copies of the order form, are available on the table in the sanctuary. Please share them with family, friends, and neighbors.

2026 Offering Envelopes - Please pick up your offering envelopes (in the East Narthex) after today's service to minimize the number of offering envelopes that need to be mailed. You are also welcome to assist friends, family members and neighbors by picking up and delivering their envelopes to them. If you can't find your offering envelope please contact the church office.

In Case of Worship Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather - In the case there is a need to cancel worship due to poor weather conditions, cancellation information will be posted on the following platforms:

- The church answering machine message
- Email sent out through Realm and Posted on the Newsfeed
- Facebook - Bausman's Facebook page
- WFMZ.com - Under Business and School Closings

As with Gladness Those of Old

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William C. Dix, 1861; alt.

Matt. 2:1-12

1 As with gladness those of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man-ger bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man-ger plain and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;

As with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be - fore One whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 So may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 And when mor - tal things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last

So, true Morn-ing Star, may we ev - er-more your splen - dor see.
 So may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
 All our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.
 Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glo - ry hide.

After reading the Epiphany gospel, William C. Dix penned this hymn. Dix, the manager of a marine insurance company, was also a gifted hymnwriter. Among his many fine contributions is "What Child Is This."

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7.7.
 Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

What Child Is This

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William C. Dix, 1865; alt.

Luke 2:7-14, 25-32; Matt. 2:11; John 1:14;
John 19:16b-18, 34



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies the Child in man-ger bare where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3 Bring gifts of in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, join in ju - bi - la - tion;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shew-herds watch are keep-ing?
Give heed, draw near; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
The Ho - ly Child, though meek and mild, has come with God's sal - va - tion.



This, this, the an - gels sing, is Christ, God's ho - ly of - fer-ing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the moth - er sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste your praise to bring the babe, the child of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the child of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the child of Mar - y!

William Chatterton Dix, manager of an English marine insurance company, wrote a number of fine hymns. This one is always sung to the tune Greensleeves, which first appeared in England in 1580 and is mentioned in one of Shakespeare's plays.

Tune: GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7.6.8.6.7. with refrain
English traditional melody, 16th century

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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African-American spiritual
Arr. John W. Work II, 1907

Luke 2:8-20; Isa. 18:3; 52:7

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hill and ev - ery - where.

Last time, end

Go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

Be - hold through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

This is one of the few spirituals heard inside as well as outside African-American churches. It was adapted by John Wesley Work II, who is remembered as the director of the Jubilee Singers of Fisk University.

Tune: *African-American spiritual*
Adapt. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992