Creed of Epiphany

I believe in God, the creator of the universe, who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light, setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day. I believe in Jesus Christ, the light of the world that shines in the darkness. The darkness cannot overcome it. He embodied humanity in the image of God. In kindness, truthfulness, humility and devotion, He suffered for the greater good. He was and is the Son of God. He died on the cross for us. God's saving grace! I believe in the Holy Spirit, the guiding light of God in our world. Through his spirit, God penetrates and reveals the darkness of human sin, helps people grow and become the people they are meant to be. I believe in the power of transformation, through God's spirit and light, here in this world and in the world to come. Amen.



Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

The Order of Worship

Epiphany Sunday January 6, 2019 at 8:30 am

Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer upon entering the Sanctuary.

Westminster Chimes

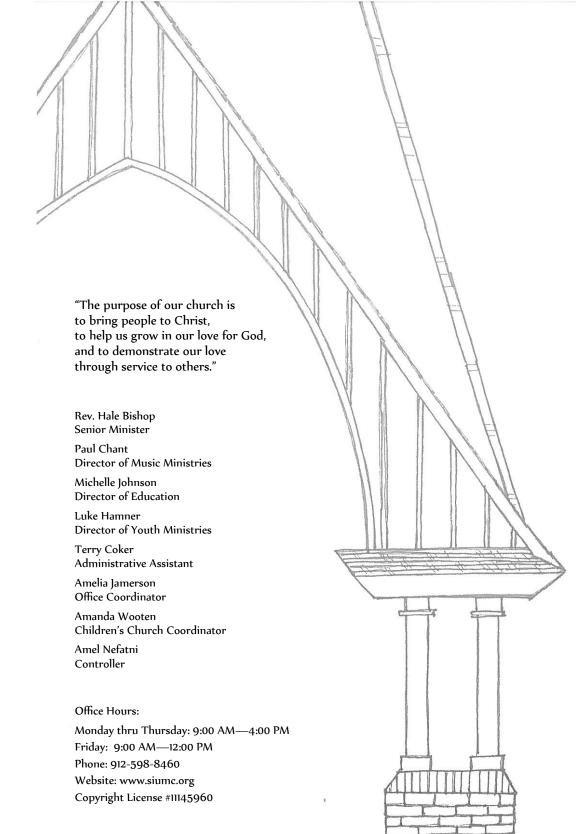
*Postlude

Prelude St. Agnes John B. Dykes Call to Worship *Hymn 249 There's a Song in the Air **CHRISTMAS SONG** *Affirmation Creed of Epiphany See Opposite Page *Gloria Patri No. 70 Michelle Johnson Greeting Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Fill My Cup, Lord **Prayer Response** FILL MY CUP Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole. Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible NT p. 1 Sermon Find Hale Bishop **Sacrament of Holy Communion p. 12 Offertory O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Philipp Nicolai No. 95 *Doxology *Hymn 254 We Three Kings KINGS OF ORIENT

*Congregation, please stand.

Cyril V. Taylor

Abbot's Leigh



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



^{**}Please come to the altar by way of the center aisle and return to your seat by way of the side aisle.

Worship Service Information

<u>Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.</u> All Christians are welcome to the table, regardless of age or church affiliation. If you require to be served in your pew, or desire gluten-free elements, please notify an usher.

<u>The Worship Center</u>, located in the Narthex, contains items that may be of use to you during our worship services. These include hearing devices, large print bulletins and hymnals, and children's worship bags. Please return all items after use.

Attendance on Sunday, December 30th: 8:30 am - 63, 10:00 am - 191

Lay Participants in Today's Worship:

Ushers: (8:30 am) Walter Fisch, Bob & Marie Kraft,

Scott & Barb Lauback

(10:00 am) Chip Birch, Willson Blake, Gayle Burkhardt,

Bill & Inez Izzard, Gordon Johnson, Ken Winnert

Greeters: (8:30 am) Onnie Duffie (10:00 am) Terry Coker **Acolytes:** (10:00 am) Grace Loving, Caroline Richardson

Crucifer: (10:00 am) Daniel Birch

Children's Church: Amanda Wooten, Jenny Garrard

Coffee: George & Nancy Dancu, Willson & Libby Blake

Nursery: Shantay Jones, Cassidy Brown, Ashley Meyers

Marshes Pick-Up: Sam McLaughlin

Christian Education Information

Adult and Youth Education: (Begins at 11:15 am)

- **Encouragers Class:** (Library) This class is beginning a new study entitled "Ask It" by Andy Stanley. All are welcome to join.
- Thorne Class: (Room 111) We invite you to visit this class for Bible study, lively discussion, and fellowship.
- **Spiritual Growth Class:** (Room 109) This class is beginning a new video study, "Who Needs God", by Andy Stanley. All are welcome.
- Youth (6th-12th) upstairs in the Youth rooms.

Childrens Choir and Sunday School: (Begins at 11:10 am)

- Little Mozarts Choir (PreK) and the Wesley Choir (K-5th) will not be rehearsing today.
- Cherubs Class (PreK) will meet in Room 103.
- Mighty Kids Class (K-5th) will meet upstairs.

News and Events

Welcome to Our Church—Please take a moment to sign the red attendance registration pads. Also, please join us in Bailey Hall following the 10:00 am worship service for a time of fellowship. Children's Church is offered upstairs for children ages three—3rd grade following the Children's Gathering at 10:00 am. A nursery and quiet room are available during both worship services.

Low Vision Meeting—Bright Eye-deas, a group for those experiencing low vision issues, will be held this Wednesday, January 9th at 10:00 am in the church library. This will be a teleconference meeting with Dr. Sally Bliss, a clinical psychologist, on "Coping with Vision Loss." If you have any questions, contact Kay Higby at 598-9634.

All Church Committees—All upcoming 2019 church committee members and other interested church members are asked to attend an informational and training meeting on Sunday, January 13th at 3:30 pm in Bailey Hall. Following refreshments and a word from Hale Bishop, individual committees will break-out to discuss their goals for the year and set meeting dates.

Donations for Missions—During the month of January, the Missions Committee will be collecting coats, gloves, hats, and any other cold weather gear. These items may be used or new and of all ages and sizes. Also, for the next three months we will be collecting Bibles for Coastal Jail Ministry. Please note that Bibles must be softcover. All items may be brought to the church office.

Cruise Cancelled—"The Journeys of Paul" cruise that was scheduled for May 2019 has been cancelled.

L.O.V.E. Seeks New Mentors—The very successful L.O.V.E. mentoring program is in need of additional mentors as more students are being identified as candidates for this program. An orientation meeting for new mentors and those interested will be held on Monday, January 14th at 4:00 pm at the church.

Altar Flowers—If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please call the church office for dates and procedures. The cost is \$75.

Church Controller Contact Information—Our controller, Amel Nefatni with Lucas & Associates, CPAs, can be contacted by emailing amel@siumc.org or by calling her at 912-777-6936.

Lectionary Text for January 13th

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

Calendar for the Week

Today, Sunday, January 6th

8:30 am Worship Service—Sanctuary

9:15 am—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

10:00 am—Worship Service—Sanctuary

11:15 am—Sunday School for All Ages—Various Locations

6:00 pm—Youth Dinner Outing—Meet at the Church

Monday, January 7th

10:00 am—Evangelism Meeting—Library

10:30 am—Alzheimer's Caregivers Meeting—Thorne Room

11:00 am—Staff Meeting—Minister's Office

4:00 pm—Al-Anon—Library

4:30 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Tuesday, January 8th

No Scheduled Activities.

Wednesday, January 9th

10:00 am—Bright Eye-Deas Meeting—Library

6:00 pm—Youth Group—Upstairs

7:00 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, January 10th

5:00 pm—Finance Committee Meeting—Library

Friday, January 11th

9:00 am—Friday Folders—Library

12:00 pm—Church Office Closes

Saturday, January 12th

No Scheduled Activities.

Sunday, January 13th

8:30 am Worship Service—Sanctuary

9:15 am—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

10:00 am—Worship Service—Sanctuary

11:15 am—Sunday School for All Ages—Various Locations

*AA meets Monday—Saturday at 7:30 am in the Spiritual Growth Room