

# Presbyterian

January 2020

As we look towards the coming year and move through our Christmas celebrations, we come closer to the celebration of Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Epiphany is when “we celebrate the revelation of God’s promise and purpose to the nations of the world” (<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/epiphany/>). We’ll celebrate Epiphany in worship on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, reflecting on our Star Words from this past year and receiving new words for the upcoming year. Until then, I invite you to reflect on this poem by Jan Richardson as we rejoice in the birth of our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Jessica*

## *Wise Women Also Came*

Wise women also came.  
The fire burned  
in their wombs  
long before they saw  
the flaming star  
in the sky.  
They walked in shadows,  
trusting the path  
would open  
under the light of the moon.

Wise women also came,  
seeking no directions,  
no permission  
from any king.  
They came  
by their own authority,  
their own desire,  
their own longing.  
They came in quiet,  
spreading no rumors,  
sparking no fears  
to lead  
to innocents’ slaughter,  
to their sister Rachel’s  
inconsolable lamentations.

Wise women also came,  
and they brought  
useful gifts:  
water for labor's washing,  
fire for warm illumination,  
a blanket for swaddling.

Wise women also came,  
at least three of them,  
holding Mary in the labor,  
crying out with her  
in the birth pangs,  
breathing ancient blessings  
into her ear.

Wise women also came,  
and they went,  
as wise women always do,  
home a different way.



**January 5**

Ushers: Diana and Kurt Scott,  
Mike and Sue Selby  
Liturgist: Ann Myers  
Nursery: Megan Boswell  
Zach and Michelle Morgan

**January 12**

Ushers: Cindy Peterson and  
Jim Heaton  
Liturgist: De Heaton  
Nursery: Sherry Keefe

**January 19**

Ushers: Diane and Gary Badgett  
Liturgist: Sue Selby  
Nursery: Angie Mullen

**January 26**

Ushers: Betsy Akin and  
Karen Carlson  
Liturgist: Ken Pangburn  
Nursery: Bev McMahon

You are encouraged to ask a child to help you with ushering duties, such as handing out bulletins and collecting the offering. They are happy and eager to help.



Marvin Smith	January 12
Beverly McMahon	January 13
Jean Loonan	January 17
Curan Eddy	January 20
Karen Boswell	January 25
Jayne Templeton	January 26
Jim Heaton	January 27
Larry Miller	January 27

**EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE**

**We have been slowly working in the office to shift all of our email to addresses with the church's domain name and ask that you help us with that shift.**

**If you are emailing our office manager, Kat, please use: [office@1stprescorning.org](mailto:office@1stprescorning.org)**

**If you're trying to reach Pastor Jessica by email please use: [pastor@1stprescorning.org](mailto:pastor@1stprescorning.org)**

**Thanks for your help with this change.**



The church's prayer chain is once again active. If you have a prayer request you would like to share, call Pastor Jessica and she will pass it on. You can also submit them online through our website at: [1stprescorning.org](http://1stprescorning.org)  
If you'd like to be part of our ministry of prayer, talk with Michelle Leonard and she will get you added.

With the beginning of the new year, we're making a fresh start with the newsletter prayer list. If you have someone you'd like to add please let Pastor Jessica or Kat know and we'll start with a new list next month.

We ask for your help in keeping both the prayer list and birthday list current. If you have any changes or additions, please let us know that as well.



**Newsletter Deadline**

If you would like an announcement or news printed in the bulletin or newsletter we ask that you submit it, in writing, to the office before the deadline.

**For the February newsletter, please submit all news and announcements by Wednesday, January 22nd.**

Thank you so much for your understanding and help in making sure we get information communicated to everyone.





January 5th—Epiphany  
 February 2nd  
 February 23rd—Transfiguration of the Lord  
 March 1st  
 April 5th  
 April 9th—Maundy Thursday  
 April 12th—Easter  
 May 3rd  
 May 31st—Pentecost  
 June 7th  
 July 5th  
 August 2nd  
 September 6th  
 October 4—World Communion Sunday  
 November 1st  
 November 22nd—Reign of Christ  
 December 6th

April 12th—One Great Hour of Sharing  
 May 31st—Pentecost  
 October 4th—Peace and Global Witness  
 November 22nd—Harvest Offering  
 December 20th—Christmas Joy



The Christmas Angels would like to thank all of you who participated in this year's Christmas Angels program. Over 40 families were provided with gifts, a food card and meat during this holiday season. Without your many kindnesses and donations, this program would not be possible. Thank you for helping with this mission to provide for the less fortunate in our community.

Nancy Mann, Beth Waddle, and Nancy Turner  
 On behalf of the Christmas Angel program



For the month of January, we are helping to pack the bags of food that go home with students. We need 2-3 people to help each week. The packing schedule is: Friday, January 3rd at 9:00 a.m. and then for the rest of the month it will be Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. If you're able to help, please sign up in the foyer.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee wants to thank all of you who took the time to take our call, read our letter and consider your financial gift to the church for 2020. Because of your efforts we have had a successful campaign to support the work of the church. We work very hard to see that everyone who wants to make an estimate of giving or gift receives the materials but if you were not contacted in some way, please contact the church office and we will send a set of materials to you as it is not too late to participate. Auto-deposit and on-line giving options are also available if interested and ACH forms are located in the foyer if you would like to set up an automatic payment. The office would be happy to assist you in either of these if you would like. If you want to make an end-of-year gift to the church or would like to pre-pay your pledge, please note that they need to be received in the church office by December 30. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any of the members of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.



Thanks for Your Support!

Again, thank you so much,  
 Nancy Turner, Chair  
 Gary Badgett  
 Burton Heaton  
 Randy Olive

Ken Pangburn  
 Alec Turner  
 Rev. Jessica Paulsen, ex-officio



## Open House

Pastor Jessica is hosting an open house to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany and all are invited!

Saturday, January 4th, 2020  
 2:00 - 4:00PM  
 Church Manse ~ 905 Grove Avenue

### Downing of the Browns

We'll be downing the browns on Sunday, January 5th after worship. Stay and help take down all of the Advent and Christmas decorations so they might be put away for another year.



## Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 19, 2020 at the end of worship. Come and hear how 2019 went and what we might look forward to in 2020!



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907 Grove Avenue  
Corning, Iowa 50841  
(Return Service Requested)

***Sunday School, All Ages: 9:00 AM***

***Sunday Worship Time: 10:00 AM***

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Megan Boswell

Karen Carlson  
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Mission Statement  
The First Presbyterian Church  
of Corning believes in the  
good news of the Gospel and  
will grow through and share  
the love, grace, and  
compassion of our Lord and  
Savior, Jesus Christ.

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