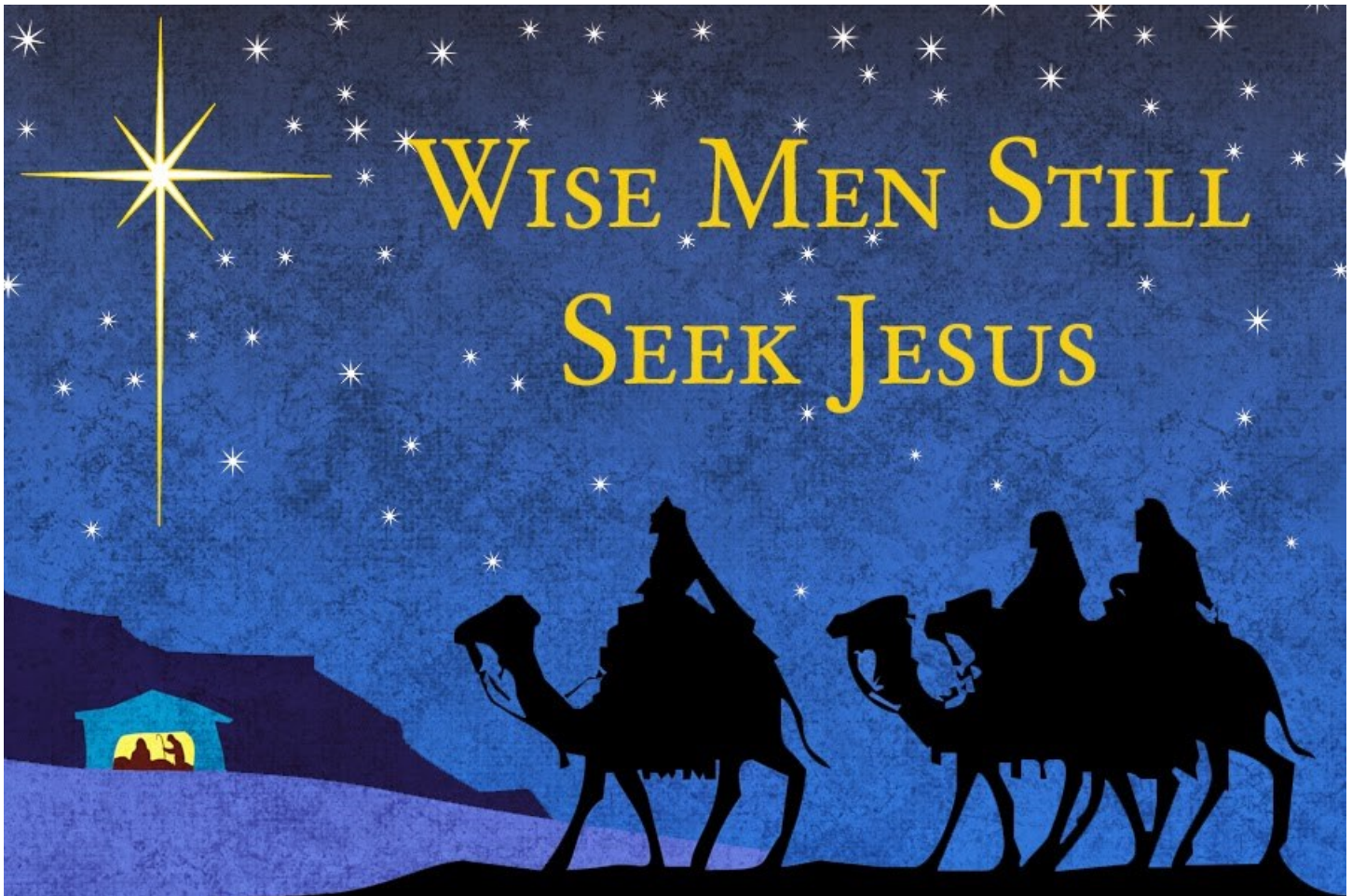


# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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**January 5th, 2020 10:30a**

*"Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship." - Mission Statement*



“The kind of beauty I want is the hard-to-get kind that comes from within—strength, courage, dignity.”

-Ruby Dee, American actress, 1922-2014

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Mae Pound, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All  
**Pianist:** Cathy Bero  
**Harpist:** Christine Ramsey  
**Liturgist:**  
**Greeter / Ushers:** Mike & Abby Shipley





# Highwater Church

**January 5, 2020 Epiphany Sunday**

*\* = stand if you are able 10:30 a.m. service*

## Proclamation of Praise

Prelude

Special Music

Harpist, Christine Ramsey

Acolytes

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

\* Hymn of Praise

*We Three Kings*

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Call to worship

Leader: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

People: **You shall see and be radiant.**

Leader: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

People: **The Holy One will bless the people with peace.**

Leader: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

People: **The joy of the Lord is my strength.**

Leader: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

People: **God is here among us. Let us rejoice and be glad in God's presence.**

Prayer of Invocation

Children's Chat

Old Testament Text

**Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (NRSV)**

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<sup>[a]</sup> 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\* Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen**

\* Hymn

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings* (using alt 4th verse)

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Holy Communion

Special Music

Harpist, Christine Ramsey

Prayer of Confession

*Passing the peace of Christ and the comfort of the Holy Spirit*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Old Testament Text**

**Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)**

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.

### **Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer**

**Candle Dedication:** *Steve Matheny, Peggy Green, Goldie Campbell, Edsel Blackburn and Abby Shipley's Birthdays.*

**Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:** and the CSEOA Association Staff

### **Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Offertory**

#### **Special Music**

**Harpist, Christine Ramsey**

#### **\* Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

#### **\* Offertory Prayer**

### **New Testament Text**

**Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)**

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.

### **Sermon on Matthew 2**

**Rev. Scott Schieber**

#### **\* Hymn**

*I Wonder as I Wander*

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#### **\* Benediction / Response -**

*Let There be Peace on Earth*

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

### **Postlude**



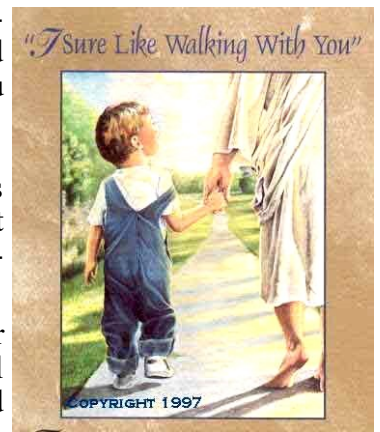
## ***If you have children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service***

-**Newborn – 2 yrs old**, A Cry Room is available for your use during the worship service. It is located above the Sanctuary. You can use the stairs located through the door directly to the left as you exit the main doors of the Sanctuary. You can hear and see the service from this room.

- **3 yrs old - K**; your child is invited to Sunday School with our BUGs (Born Under God's Sun), which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC.

- **1st Grade – 3rd Grade**...your child is invited to Sunday School with our TIGERs (Trusting In God for Every Reason), which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC.

- **4th Grade – 7th Grade**...your child is invited to Sunday School which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC



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### ***If you are visiting...***

Welcome! We pray that you'll find our worship service meaningful and uplifting, and our congregation welcoming and friendly. We know that coming to a new church can be a little uncomfortable. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know! During the worship service, please be sure to provide contact information on our pew pads so Pastor Scott can reach out and thank you for attending.

### ***If you have been attending ....***

and would like to be more involved in the worship service or other events, we have a number of support roles you could participate in.

When you hear Rev. Scott talk about signing up in the **Binder** or see "**sign up in the binder**" written anywhere, it is the **blue notebook** that is being passed around the sanctuary during the service. This notebook has all the available Positions, Mission Outreach Projects and Events that are currently open for volunteers or are happening at our church.

**The Acolytes** are children 8 years old - about 12 years old. They carry the Light of Christ up to the alter at the beginning of our 10:30a service. If you are interested in having your child be an Acolyte, please let Rev. Scott know. It takes about 10 minutes to go through the process and we have your child with another experienced child for the first time.

**Lay Readers** - Are the people who read scripture, offer up the Call to Worship and the Prayer of Invocation. All the materials are up on the pulpit, or could be sent to you ahead of time if you would like to preview before hand. Please let Rev. Scott know your preference. No experience is necessary to participate in this support roll. (8:30a Service Lay Readers take up the offering and assist with Communion if necessary).

**Greeters** - Greet people as they arrive during our 10:30a service. The request is that you arrive about 20 minutes before the service. You hand out the bulletins and share a smile and some welcoming words and if the person is a visitor, you might make them aware of where the restrooms are located as well as the cry room, nursery and other children's activities depending on our current worship schedule.

**Ushers** - (The people who take up the offering) 10:30a service. Most times the Ushers and Greeters are the same people. When attendance is light and it is not a Communion Sunday 1 person can do both. On a Communion Sunday it is a 2-person position. If you are interested in ushering, please let Rev. Scott know and we will take a few minutes to go over this simple task so that you are comfortable in what you are doing.

You can sign up to greet and not usher if that is your comfort level or sign up to usher separately from greeting.

**Special Music** - We are open to any music that lifts God in Praise. If you would like to share...Just Share! Please see Cathy Bero or Debbie Smetts to talk about an idea or schedule a date to share your gift of music.

**Thank you for your interest in being a part of our Worship Service**

## Announcements and Information

**Utica Food Pantry Needs Volunteers** - Thursdays 2:30-5:30p. If you would like to help, even occasionally, please contact Pat Burress directly at 740-507-9862 to get on the schedule .

**Monday Noon Bible Studies** - This year we are using *Living Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton as a guide for our study. This is Hamilton's latest book. We will look at a devotion each week and the scripture he addresses. This book is available on Amazon and in electronic formats. Please bring the book and your Bible. We will pick up in January.

**Blood Drive** - TODAY, Walk-Ins welcome

**WISH Meeting** - Monday, January 13th at 6:30p. Details to follow.

**TIGERS Activity Nite** - Sunday, January 19th at 6p

**Pastor Scott's Door is Open on Tuesdays by appointment.**

**Council Calendar Planning Meeting** - Thursday, January 9th, 6p at Pastor Scott's 380 Longford Dr, Granville. Only Ministry chairs who plan events need to attend.

**Council Meeting** - Thursday, January 16th 6:30p.



Sunday, January 26th  
Immediately following the  
10:30a Worship Service  
Enter your chili or soup or just  
come to taste and choose the  
winner.  
See the sign-up sheet in the  
binder for details.

### Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

#### Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:

Betty Nash Gayle Gibson Bob Tucker Dave Nash Larry Smetts Ned Campbell  
Tom Siegel Becky Wright Marcie Williams Ed Hoskinson Jane Lake Donna Shipley  
Laurie Garno Owen Storts Angie Alexander Jim Farmer

#### Prayers for our Shut-in:

Goldie Campbell

*Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:* and the CSEOA Association Staff





**Prayers for Our Greater Church Family:** *(This list to start over every month)*

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Josh Saxton
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	Matthew Workman
Mark Frick	Sherry Gibson	Judy Rudrick
Marsha King	Jesse Buchanan	
Judy Schmoll	Christine Schmidt	
Pat Toops	Lila	
	David & Dianna Deorid	



Continued prayers for all the troops that protect and serve this country and prayers of comfort for their families as they wait for their safe return. Chase Lasko, Tanner MacLachlan, Jared Grace

# This Week at Highwater, January 6th - January 12th

<b>Monday 6</b>	<b>Tuesday 7</b>	<b>Wednesday 8</b>	<b>Thursday 9</b>	<b>Friday 10</b>	<b>Saturday 11</b>	<b>Sunday 12</b>
<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p>  <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Steve Matheny</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>  <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Peggy Green</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>  <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Goldie Campbell</p> <p><b>6p</b> Council Calendar Planning Meeting at Pastor Scott's.</p>	 <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Edsel Blackburn Abby Shipley</p>		<p><b>8:30a</b> Worship Service</p> <p><b>10:30a</b> Worship Service</p> <p><b>10:30a</b> Sunday School</p>

**Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314**

**Scripture for Next Sunday, January 12th**  
Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Matthew 3:13-17