

Upcoming Sunday Focus in Worship

For some time, members and friends have shared that an awareness of what lessons will be the focus of Sunday worship is helpful. We are entering the season of Epiphany, the Christian feast that focuses on the Wise Men or Magi coming to worship the Christ. The Church has traditionally seen this as the making known of Christ to the nations or the non-Jewish world. There is a universality – an all encompassing character to this season. The colors of Epiphany are green and focus on hope that comes from God for all people...even those who are quite different from ourselves. No matter what our differences may be, we have a common situation regardless of class, race, gender or anything else we may use to distinguish ourselves. During January, 2010 through mid-February, this will be the focus of worship at First Reformed Church.

Below you will find the focus of each Sunday's worship. We encourage you to read, meditate and come to worship with these themes in heart and mind. As you do, you will find blessings that far outweigh the effort of your preparation. In the week's ahead, here are our themes at First Reformed Church.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgical Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Theme</u>
01/03/10	Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	The Ingathering of the Dispersed
01/10/10	Epiphany I	Isaiah 43:1-7	Restoration & Protection Promised
01/17/10	Epiphany II	Isaiah 62:1-5	Vindication & Salvation of Zion
01/24/10	Epiphany III	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Called to Obedience
01/31/10	Epiphany IV	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Commissioned to Speak Out
02/07/10	Epiphany V	Isaiah 6:1-8	Gaining a Godly Vision (Perspective)
02/14/10	Transfiguration	Exodus 34:29-35	Glowing with God

As you prepare for the week's ahead, may you know the blessing of your labors rewarded with insight and wisdom for your very personal and individual journey of faith.

Pastor Bill