

Rainbow Record
January 7, 2019
Pastor Gary

Well, Christmas is now officially over since today is the 2nd day of Epiphany. Most of us have already put away the ornaments and have dragged the tree out to the curb. Now, it's time to get back to normal. The heavenly hosts have departed. Mary and Joseph and their little one have made their way back home on the long, dusty road to Nazareth. Seems so easy to be a Christian when we have out the candles, and the wreath, and the cookies, and the presents. "We need a little Christmas, right here this minute," goes the song. Guess we'll have to wait another year to have Christmas again.

Yet...I have some Good News for you today! Something has happened in our world since that 1st Christmas long ago, and that Christmas just a few weeks back. Jesus has been born! God has come among us, and injected into us a babe known as the Christ child. This baby has brought a new kingdom, and a new rule, and a different sort of sovereignty. As John 1 informs us, "The Word has become flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the Creator's only son, full of grace and truth." No fake news here!

If you believe all this, then you believe that God is working to bring this world to its fulfillment. It means it's time to start practicing living like you've been made new. Every person we meet is being molded for glory. So are you! God is in the business during post-Christmas of perfecting all there is, and all there will be. You see, after welcoming Christ into our lives, there is a sense in which none of us can ever go back to normalcy. Epiphany, here we come!!

Peace, Pastor Gary

Notes for the congregation:

- Burial service for Regina Pugh today at Elmhurst cemetery.
- Stewardship meeting today, 5pm, at Marv's home.
- Ronald Stagg and Pastor Gary home communion Tuesday.
- Session Tuesday evening, 7pm, at church.

A group of organ aficionados led by Michael Barone of Pipe Dreams, came over Friday to look at the organ at DAPC. Their conclusion is that it is worth saving, but how to do it is to be determined. Used organs have no value to the present owner and have a large expense to dismantle, clean, install in new setting and tune. There is only a small hope that it might be salvaged. The prospective new owner of the building does not want or plan to use the organ.