

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* -Matthews
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Arise, shine! Your light has come.

All: The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.

One: Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.

All: Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.

One: Lift up your eyes and look around.

All: Arise, shine! Your light has come. The glory of the Lord is here.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* Hymnal 46

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, following only a star in the sky, kings of old left their families and their lands to find a child whose birth was so profound, it was proclaimed in the heavens above. When we would rather sit comfortably in our homes than make spiritual pilgrimages of our own, clothe our feet of clay in walking shoes, and send us on our way. At the season of light, help us shine your light in the darkness to honor the Kings of kings. Open our shut-up hearts to those in need, that the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh might not be the last gifts offered to the one who brings light into our lives. Amen. *Silent prayers may be made)*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE *O Come All Ye Faithful (chorus only)*
O come let us adore him. O come let us adore him.
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you. *(People may greet one another)*

LISTEN

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| RESPONSE | <i>Away in a Manger (verses 1-2)</i> | Hymnal 25 |
| MINUTE FOR MISSION | Hunger & Famine in the World | Phyl Lewis |
| A TIME WITH CHILDREN | | |
| RESPONSE | <i>Away in a Manger (verse 3)</i> | Hymnal 25 |
| PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | | |
| READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE | | |
| OLD TESTAMENT | Isaiah 60:1-6 | Pew Bible p. 528 |
| PSALM | Ps. 72:1-7 | Pew Bible p. 414 |
| GOSPEL READING | Matthew 2:1-12 | Pew Bible p. 681 |
| SERMON | "Lead Us by the Star" | Rev. Jennifer Olson |
| HYMN | <i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i> | Hymnal 66 |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | <i>Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)</i> | Pew Bible p. 15 |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | | |

RESPOND

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Hear My Prayer, O Lord* -Frick

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal 592

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The minister continues . . .)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The minister continues . . .)

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are invited to receive communion. Gluten-free bread and grape juice will be passed by tray to you in your seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, Holy One, at this table we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us, grant that we may go away from this sanctuary, filled with our love for you, and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We pray in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

GO OUT WITH GOD'S LIGHT

*HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Hymnal 28

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Joy and Praise* -Rand.

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**Epiphany of the Lord
"Star Words" Sunday
January 5, 2020**

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Kristy Zenk, Choir Director Shar Hulstein, Tech Team
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| Mon. Jan. 6 | | Epiphany of the Lord |
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| | 6:00 pm | Board of Deacons meeting |
| Wed. Jan. 8 | 2:00 pm | F & O Birthday Bingo (Denison Care Center) |
| | 5:30 pm | Youth Group at Presbyterian Church |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
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Upcoming . . .

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| | 7:00 pm | Worship Committee meeting |
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