

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

Epiphany of the Lord

Communion Sunday

January 1, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Brightest and Best of the Stars* G. Winston Cassler

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

People: We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.

Liturgist: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

People: The darkness that surrounds us is gone!

Liturgist: Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

All: Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others!

*HYMN *The First Noel* No. 245

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the People of God.*

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Soft of His Cradle* Bill Wolaver

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE *Matthew 2:1-12* Reverend Janet Sattel
"The Secret of the Gifts"

*HYMN *Sing We Now of Christmas* No. 237

PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mile* Wilbur Held

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Joy to the World* No. 246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Confession and Pardon

Unison: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

+HOLY COMMUNION (see screen for words)

Great Thanksgiving sung responsively to the tune IN DULCI JUBILO

("Good Christian Friends, Rejoice")

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew. Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table. (Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

SUNG PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**The dark to light gives way, Bright Dawn of all our days!
Journey with us as we leave, Star! Star! People of the Star are we!
Now we travel other roads to shine Your light where'er we go
Overwhelmed with joy! Overwhelmed with joy!**

*HYMN *We Three Kings* No. 254

*BENEDICTION

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

On This Day Earth Will Ring

David Johnson

* - All Standing...A position of adoration and praise

+ - All Kneeling or Sitting...A position of humility and petition

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Pastor Lisa Flory

Calendar for Week of 1/1/2023

SUNDAY: Happy New Year!

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

MONDAY

Office Closed

TUESDAY

11-1:30—Free Noon Meal (@LCCM)

10-12 - Staff Meeting

7:00 - Book Study [Lounge]

7:00 - Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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4-6 - Youth Group LB Hall



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP †
Celebration of Faith



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