

Traditional Worship Order Epiphany Sunday January 6, 2019

The time before worship is a time for fellowship and preparation. We invite you to greet one another and enjoy each other's company in the narthex or in the sanctuary, yet be respectful of the quiet others appreciate. Thank you for turning off/silencing cell phones. Our ushers are prepared to assist you in any way. Welcome!

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during Prayers of the People.

Greeting: The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

* **Call to Worship**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God's goodness and grace has risen upon you.

All: **We come like the Magi, following the star of the Christ child.**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your moment has come, and the glory of God's love and mercy flows through you into the world.

All: **We come like Paul, to share the good news that Christ lives among us.**

Leader: Arise, shine, for you are called to be God's people, and to bring good news and great joy to a world that yearns for wholeness and peace.

All: **Let us worship the God who calls us.**

* **Opening Hymn** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* #220

* **Opening Prayer**

Bright, shining Maker of visions and dreams, the good news of your love lights up the world with radiant glory. We see you in rain and snow, in sunrise and sunset, in the smiles and hugs and celebrations that greet the new year. Like the Magi who follow a star to welcome the newborn Christ, help us follow that star of your love and bring gifts of wholeness and peace to a world that is broken and in pain, we pray. Amen.

* **Welcoming Our Guests and Passing the Peace of Christ**

Receiving God's Tithes, Additional Offerings

Offertory *And the Stars Sang*

Sanctuary Choir

* **Doxology** #95

Offerory Prayer

Gracious God, we bring these gifts to share our prosperity with your people. We bring our compassion to care for the poor and the needy. We bring our thirst for justice and righteousness to offer mercy to the world. Bless our offerings and our lives that your hope may shine in the darkness and your mercy may light the path of love and peace. Amen.

Community Connections

Please see the church schedule for the week on the 4-page insert and note important items. Those wishing to inquire about other services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, getting confirmed, or having a child baptized, should contact Sandy in the church office Mon.-Fri., between the hours of 2pm-6pm. For all other questions and information, please call the office during regular business hours 9:00 AM-1:00 PM and 2:00 PM-6:00 PM, Mon - Fri.

* **Hymn** *We Three Kings* #254

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

#895

Scripture Lessons Matthew 2: 1-12 Pg.681

Sermon "Outsiders Becoming Insiders" Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (See insert)

Today, we will receive by intinction in a line. As the ushers direct you, please come forward and receive a piece of bread from the server. Dip it into the cup, eat it, and then return to your seat. Any gifts to the pastor's discretionary fund may be brought forward and placed into the plates at the front. All who would respond to Christ's invitation are welcome to receive communion in the United Methodist Church.

* **Closing Hymn** *The First Noel* #245

* **Benediction**

Leader: We are a community called to worship and glorify God by

People: **Bringing People to Christ,
Growing People in Christ,
And Serving People for Christ.**

Leader: This is our mission.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

* **Blessing and Sending**

* **Postlude** *All are invited to the welcome center for coffee!*

Contemporary Worship
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Opening Praise *Father of Lights, Draw Near* Praise Band

Welcoming Our Guests and Passing the Peace of Christ

Receiving God's Tithes, Prayers, Additional Offerings

Offertory *We Three Kings* Praise Band

Community Connections

Children's Message and Dismissal to Children's Church

Children are invited upstairs with the message presenter and at least one other adult to experience "kid-friendly" worship. Parents are welcome to follow to ease any concerns you or your child may have. They will return to the sanctuary during the final song.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson *Matthew 2: 1-12*

Sermon "Outsiders Becoming Insiders" Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *Bethlehem* – Praise Band
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Closing Praise *What Child is This* Praise Band

Statement of Mission and Sending Out

Outsiders
Becoming
Insiders



Matthew 2: 1-12

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