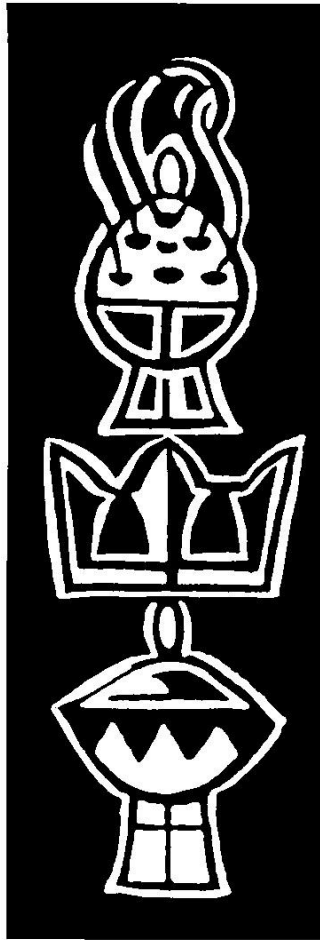




“In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
magi from the east came to Jerusalem...”

- Matthew 2:1

January 5, 2025

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

January 5, 2025

Epiphany Sunday

8:30 and 10 a.m.

As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.

Please silence cell phones.

**Standing - if comfortable*

PRELUDE

“Brahms/Haydn Variations” – Brahms

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 60:1-5

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

People: Then you shall see and be radiant.

Leader: People from everywhere shall come to your light.

People: Your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

*HYMN

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” vs 1 & 3

#220

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;

Ye who sang creation’s story now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;

Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Truthful God, reveal to us this day what our eyes look for but cannot see; what our ears hear and cannot understand. Shine your love on the pages of our lives and make the needed corrections. Search out our ways and, when we go astray, set our feet onto right paths. Lead us to the Savior. Heal us and make us whole. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Lisa Pope

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#254

O star of wonder, star of light,

Star with royal beauty bright,

Westward leading, still proceeding,

Guide us to thy perfect light.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Welcome pads are at the seats closest to the center aisle. Please share your name and any helpful information and pass down the row. Afterward please return to the aisle seat.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

The children are invited to gather in front of the steps for a brief sermon and prayer.

Afterward, they may leave for Sunday School or stay for the rest of the service.

ANTHEM *“Alleluia, All Glory Be to God”* – Joseph Martin Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Susan Deo

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY Althea Waites

*DOXOLOGY #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures, here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

- Matthew 2:1-12 Magi search for Jesus Lisa Pope
Pg. 2, New Testament

SERMON *“Home by Another Way”* April Herron

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP April Herron

8:30 & 10:00 – Kelsey Pope

*HYMN *“A Star Shone Bright”* vs 1 & 2 to the tune of #408

**A star shone bright, across the plain and calmed the earth so Love could reign.
'Twas in a child that hope was born, a dream fulfilled! O happy morn!

O Son of God, Incarnate Word, O wisdom’s Light, whom angels heard.
Come forth again, our hearts console. O heal our hurts and make us whole.**

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

POSTLUDE *“Toccata in G Major”* – J. S. Bach Althea Waites

New to the Church?

We are grateful that we can worship together. Please use our digital welcome pad by opening the QR code. Thank you!



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Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
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