

Celebration of Worship

Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2019

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Contemplation

“The Christ child is born! All you who would find him, prepare for a journey, as determined as the Magi. All you who would praise him, come with the faith to follow a star. All you who would worship him, come with humility to the child who shows the immeasurable riches of God.”

Book of Worship

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Prelude on “The First Noel”*

Konkel

STILLING In silence, ask the Holy Spirit to help us
pay attention and to worship God

We Offer Praise

OPENING SENTENCES (responsively)

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things
God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things
God has done:

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious Light!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things
God has done:

**The Christ who embodies the Word, unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the
Gospel.**

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God has done.

GOD’S PEOPLE PRAY TOGETHER AS WE GATHER

* Please stand, if you are able.

* CAROL OF WORSHIP *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* #22
Verses 1,3,4

GOD BLESSES US AS WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

God Shows Us Unconditional Grace

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

FORGIVENESS DECLARED

God Speaks through the Word with a Heart of Love

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG & THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

The Magi

Song

We Three Kings

Verse 1, Screen

We Pray

Children in Preschool through 2nd Grade are dismissed for Praise & Play

PRAYER FOR GOD’S SPIRIT TO MOVE AMONG US

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Isaiah 60:1-7*

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Matthew 2:1-12

CEB

SERMON “Why are these wise guys in the Bible anyway?”

Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

We Respond in Rededication

* CAROL *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love* # 62

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Adoration of the Wise Men

Chancel Choir

Thoman

PRAYER OF DEDICATION, THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

* CAROL *The First Nowell* #56
Verses 1,2,5,6

God Sends Us Out to Serve

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GOD’S BLESSING AS WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* POSTLUDE

Noel

Lowe