

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 12, 2025

Worship 10:30 AM

Epiphany

Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

“He Is Lord” (*Renew*, #29)

Anonymous

Praise

Prepare for Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Isaiah proclaims to us on this Epiphany: “Arise, shine! Your light has come!”

**People: As we kneel before the Babe born in Bethlehem we sing,
“Glory to God in the highest.”**

Leader: In this world of darkness,
God's light shines brightly to reveal the Way in this New Year.

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us as we have waited upon the Lord,
with faith, with hope, with rejoicing, with gratitude.**

Leader: Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to Your healing and salvation.

**People: Glory of God, fill our lives with the Star of Bethlehem
as we long to find the One who has come for us.**

Leader: Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

**People: Light of God, Glory of God, our hearts thrill and rejoice in Jesus,
Your Gift to Us!**

ALL: AMEN!

****Hymn**

“As with Gladness Men of Old” (vss. 1-3)

150

Prepare

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the stars, like the Magi, we search for your light but too often end up settling for the dimness of this world's promises. Our motives for waiting upon the Lord are not always pure, for we expect Him to fulfill our desires, rather than be open to your Gift of the Savior. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of sacrifice. Forgive us and help us to be like those wise ones

of old, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign.

God of Glory, as we continue to follow heaven's light and journey with the Star Child, forgive us and make us new. In the moments to come this year, remind us that you desire a new epiphany to shine from our lives. Now in this time of silence, fill us with your light as we seek your grace and love . . . (silence).

Time for Silent Confession **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The good news this day is that the grace of God comes to us. The stars by which God would lead us still shine, erasing the shadowed places in our lives, revealing God's grace and forgiveness. So let the light of God shine in you, and the joy of serving fill you with a bright radiance.

**Congregational Response "As with Gladness Men of Old" (vs. 4) 150
**Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way,
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glory hide..**

Listen

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Anthem "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" GTG 475

Pastoral Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 2:1-12 (CEV)*

The Word of Light shining in our lives. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Follow Heaven's Light to Meet God Face to Face"

Respond

Video “The Light of Christmas – Epiphany!”

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

**Epiphany Doxology

GREENSLEEVES

*O Glorious God, to you we bring Praise, treasures, lives as offering;
Come, Morning Star, within us shine; Christ’s Light, God’s love inspiring!
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!*

**Passing the Peace

The Light and Peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

Installation of Elders

**Hymn

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

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**Benediction

Choral Response

“I Love You, Lord” (*Renew*, #36)

Laurie Klein

Extinguishing of Candles

Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in and for Worship

Preaching Today

Reverend Ronnie Osborn

Liturgist

Brian Norris

Acolyte

Tabitha Norris

Pianist

Pam Sutter

Choir Director

Andrew Marjamaa

Audio/Visual Technicians

Delbert Botes, Karen Neely, Odell Newkirk

Greeters

Kathleen Brown

Ushers

Brian Griffith, Ted Groshong

Announcements for January 12, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! If you are visiting Trinity for the first time, we'd love to get to know you better. Please leave your contact information in the guest book by the front door; or, if you are worshipping online, please use our website contact form or the Facebook chat feature. We will be in touch with you soon.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Today, Michael Fues, Ted Groshong, Larry Holder, and Cathy Stubbs are being installed as elders in the session class of 2027. We thank them for answering the call to serve.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES resumed today at 9:15 a.m. The children's and youth classes meet on the lower level, and the adult class meets in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us next Sunday.

UNDECORATING PARTY! We hope you can stay for a short while after worship today to help us take down and store the Advent and Christmas decorations. Many helpers will make these tasks easier for all. Snacks will be available in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON:

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and a potluck luncheon will be held on Sunday, January 26, immediately following worship. The Fellowship Committee will provide the meat and drinks and attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share. The business meeting will begin once everyone has been served. The purposes of the meeting are to elect the 2025 Nominating Committee, to receive the year-end financial report and to hear reports from the committees of session.