

Bulletin Information  
**January 2, 2022**  
Epiphany of the Lord

**We Gather to Worship God**

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

- One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.  
**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**  
One: Come, worship the Lord of glory.  
**All: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

Morning Prayer

\*Hymn *As With Gladness Men of Old* PH-63

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things...**

*(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)*

**...through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

\*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* PH #579

**We Listen For God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- One: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;  
**All: that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**  
One: that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.  
**All: Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

One: May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.  
**All: Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

One: In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
**All: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

One: May all the kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.  
**All: For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

One: He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.  
**All: From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

One: Almighty God, you gave the kingdom of justice and peace to your servant David. Extend to every nation the dominion of our Lord Jesus, David's son, so that in the light of his reign the poor may receive justice and all people of the earth may dwell in peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

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Sermon

*From the East*

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn

*What Child Is This?*

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right...

Words of Institution

We Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

\*Congregational Response

*Doxology*

