

**Where is the child who has
been born king of the Jews?
For we observed his star
at its rising, and have come
to pay him homage.**

Matthew 2.2



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**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Epiphany Sunday / Christmas 2A**

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Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walkup, Pastor
Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist & Choir Director
Mr. Tom Yousko, Liturgist
Rev. Dr. James K. Smith, Sr., Pastor Emeritus

11.00 A.M.

January 5, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
(Please be seated in silence)

First Organ Prelude

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

(Litany for Epiphany)

Antiphonal

Leader: In the beginning of God's creating, the Spirit of the Lord swept over the unsettled and unorganized chaos and spoke:

People: *"Let there be light!"*

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, the Spirit of the Lord broke through the unsettled and

Leader: unorganized wilderness and spoke:

People: *"This is the Light!"*

Leader: At the beginning of our worship, the Spirit of the Lord moves in the midst of the unsettled and unorganized people of God and speaks:

People: *"Follow the Light!"*

Leader: Let us together greet the new morn,

People: *And walk in the Light of Christ!*

THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

*Hymn

#176

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

*Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: God Most High, your only Son embraced the weakness of flesh, to give us power to become your children; your eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence. Grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have made our own, and how great the hope to which we are called in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. *Amen.*

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

Wherever there is epiphany there is also darkness that hates the Light and tries to dispose of it. Let us confess the ways in which we have embraced the shadows and rejected God's vision of wholeness.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, as we together pray, saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Rejoice and be thankful that, because Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners, we can live without shame or anxiety.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

The Peace

#546

Offertory

*Organ Response	#552
*Prayer of Dedication	
*Doxology	#544
*Hymn	#159

"What Child is This"

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination **Unison**
God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading		Pew Bible pg. 734
	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-14</i>	
Second Reading		Pew Bible pg. 192
	<i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i>	
Gospel Reading		Pew Bible pg. 91
	<i>John 1:1-18</i>	

Sermon **Rev. Walkup**
"Spiritual Reset"

THE RESPONSE OF LOVE

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Responsive

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L: Give thanks to God, for he is good.

P: His love is everlasting.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Petition

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 12; using "Holy Spirit"

Words of Institution

Sacrament of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

INSERT

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

***Charge & Blessing**

***Postlude**

****Please Stand if Able***

**WORSHIP & COMMUNION
TEAM TODAY:**

**Jim Palmer, Darlene Degenhardt,
Diane McGreevy, Giness Mumba**

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Colleen Frey, Sean Frey Craig Frey

Bible Readings



- SUNDAY:** "Giving With Love: Luke 21:1-4
MONDAY: "Go And Glow" Matthew 5:13-16
TUESDAY: "Beyond All Imagining" Philippians 4:4-7
WEDNESDAY: "Children Of God" Romans 8:12-17
THURSDAY: "The Water Of Life" John 4:7-15
FRIDAY: "From Fear To Hope" Ephesians 6:10-17
SATURDAY: "Found" Luke 15:1-10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Galatians 3:26-27 (NIV)

Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Pray for Jay Torrance, Dorothy Williams, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Brenda Torrance, George Briggs, Cheryl Harriet, Jean Beyer, Shirley Hahn, Lynne Smith, Sarah Harriett, Vince Wisbar and Eloise Berglund.



If you are receiving Holy Communion today, please complete the registration card on the back of the bulletin and place on the offering plate. Thank you.



There will be a Deacons' meeting following Worship Service.

There will be a Session meeting on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 PM.



There will be a **Soup and Sandwich Luncheon** after **Worship Service** today. Stop by **Fellowship Hall** for some delicious **hot soup** and a **sandwich**. **Eat-in or take-out.**

Bible Study



Bible Study resumes Wednesday, January 8, 2020
At 7:00 PM.



If you have **favorite hymns** that you would like **Grace Shearer** to play at a **church service**, write the hymns on the form provided on the hall table and place in the office. **Thank you.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The **Officer Training** for all active offices and **officer nominees** is **Saturday, January 8th** from **9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**. **Lunch** will be provided.

The **Congregational/Corporate Meeting** is **Sunday January 26th** following **Worship Service**. **Agenda** includes:

1. **Reception of Annual Report.**
2. **Election of officers/Class of 2022.**
3. **Ordination/Installation of officers Class of 2022.**