

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God of every nation,  
By the light of a wondrous star  
You led wandering magi to the humble infant Jesus,  
Revealing to them your salvation for the world.  
In the miraculous and the mundane,  
In union with all who have glimpsed the light of your grace,  
Lead us to Christ,  
That we may offer our worship  
And serve him with sincerity of heart;  
For he lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      How Lovely Shines the Morning Star                      David Cherwien

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

There is good news of great joy for all!  
**Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.**  
Tell the good news throughout the earth:  
**the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.**  
Let us worship God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      As with Gladness Men of Old                      150

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our Savior, we confess  
that we fail to live in your light.  
You have searched for us,  
and yet we hide from you.  
You have lavished us with blessing,  
and yet we treasure earthly things.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Let the mystery of your saving love  
be revealed, even in our lives,  
according to your eternal purpose;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
(Time of silent reflection)

#### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE                      Glory Be to the Father                      581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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ANTHEM

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE

Starward

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God expressed love for all humankind  
through Israel, whom God chose  
to be a covenant people  
to serve him in love and faithfulness.  
When Israel was unfaithful,  
God disciplined the nation with judgment  
and maintained the covenant  
through prophets, priests, teachers,  
and true believers.  
These witnesses called all Israelites  
to a destiny  
in which they would serve God faithfully  
and become a light to the nations.  
The same witnesses proclaimed  
the coming of a new age,  
and a true servant of God  
in whom God's purpose would be realized.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.18

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...Emmanuel, God-with-us, **hear our prayer.**  
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	As with Gladness Men of Old	Flor Peeters
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	606
*DEDICATION PRAYER		

### SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG	We Three Kings of Orient Are	151
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*BLESSING AND CHARGE		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	Go Tell it on the Mountain	
*POSTLUDE	Go Tell it on the Mountain	John Behnke

\*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for January 14: 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for January is soup. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Hearing-assistance devices** and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

**Ushers** for today's service are Larry and Lisa Upton.

**Communion servers** for today's service are Trudy Beard, Lucy Lanning, Nicholas Lindley, Holly Van Auken.

**Memorial will be have a Luau on Saturday, January 20th from 7-9pm.** You should plan to learn the Hula, play card games, enjoy friendship, and bring finger foods and a wrapped white 'Coconut' gift to exchange.

**SUNDAY**

**January 7**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion  
12:00 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting

**TUESDAY**

**January 9**

7:00 P.M. – Called Meeting of Session

**WEDNESDAY**

**January 10**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club  
4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir  
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY**

**January 11**

7:00 P.M. – Building and Grounds Meeting

**SUNDAY**

**January 14**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service