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Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

HOME BY ANOTHER WAY

Prayer of the Day

*God of the sunrise and the evening star,
you have revealed to us your love in Jesus Christ:
a love so long expected,
yet so surprising in its unfolding.
Gather us from near and far.
Awaken us to your unexpected revelation,
the justice of your slow-dawning kin-dom,
the mystery of your boundless invitation.
Shine through us,
that all people would be drawn to your light in us;
through Jesus Christ,
in whom we have access to you in boldness
and confidence through faith to pray. Amen.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

From Heaven Above

CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

We come to this place—
each of us on our own path.
The path is winding,
and the path is not always clear,
and the path changes,
but we are here.
God is walking us home.
What a gift it is
to not walk alone.
Let us worship Holy God.

*SONG OF PRAISE Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn Hymnal, No. 107

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray together now....
God of changed plans,
The Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home—a
different path, an untraveled road. And to our amazement, they did just
that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way.

We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not, when
whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tight-
er.

**Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy.
Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home.
Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation.
Guide our steps to unfamiliar places.
Gratefully we pray, amen.**

(Time of silent reflection)

So hear and believe this good news:

**No matter where we go, no matter what we do, we are claimed, loved,
and held by God.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

***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	Gloria (refrain only)	Hymnal, No. 113
	Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!	

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING	John Beck
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SCRIPTURE READING	Page No. 602
Isaiah 60:1-6	
The Word of the Lord.	
Thanks be to God.	

SCRIPTURE READING	Page No. 783
Matthew 2:1-12	
The Word of the Lord.	
Thanks be to God.	

MESSAGE	Home By Another Way	Tracy L. Evans
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*SONG OF FAITH	Home By Another Way	Bulletin, p, 6
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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ.
We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.
We believe that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker.
We believe that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Blest Be the God of Israel

*DOXOLOGY

Doxology (Verse 4)

Hymnal, No. 143

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION MUSIC

What Child is This

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING SONG

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Hymnal, No. 827

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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 9: Isaiah 43:1-7 and Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **January is** canned soup and chili. 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.

107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn-ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is
el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and
world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and
win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the
free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break
light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens
bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der
forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be
love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heaven - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.
raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.



Home By Another Way

KINGS OF ORIENT 8.8.4.4.6 with refrain

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: John Henry Hopkins (1857)

Ma - gi from a far - a - way place
Threat - ened by the good news they bring
Plans that change and storms that de - lay

Ra - diant star - light set-ting their pace Ford - ing wa - di,
Her - od plots to kill the new king An - gels warn - ing
Dreams and hopes left in dis - ar - ray Make us trem - ble,

risk - ing bo - dy Seek-ing the king's birth - place
in the mor - ning: "A-void Je - ru - sa - lem"
but re-mem - ber There is a - noth - er way

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We have trav - eled night and day

Meet - ing God where - e'er we stay Paths are chan - ging,

re - ar - ran - ging As we find a - noth - er way

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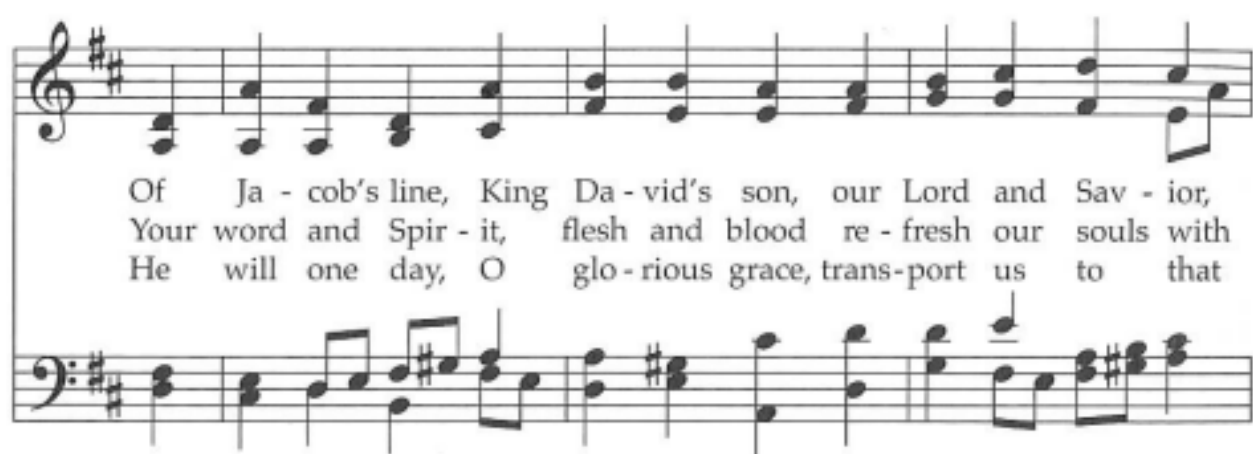
827 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
3 What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
love is first and last, the end and the be - gin - ning!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
He will one day, O glo - rious grace, trans - port us to that