

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Everlasting God,  
the radiance of faithful souls,  
who brought the nations to your light  
and kings to the brightness of your rising:  
Fill the world with your glory,  
and show yourself to all the nations;  
through him who is the true light  
and the bright morning star,  
Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*LITANY FOR EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Arise, shine; for your light has come!  
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Nations will come to his light,  
and rulers will seek his radiance.  
**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

He will judge the people with righteousness  
and defend the cause of the poor.  
**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

The mystery of the ages is revealed;  
the eternal plan of God is known to all.  
**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Let us kneel down before him  
to give him honor, glory, and praise.  
**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Let us offer him all the treasures  
of our hearts and our lives.  
**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Hymnal, No. 744

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of glory,  
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
to reveal your love for all people.  
We confess that our sin and pride  
hide the brightness of your light.  
We turn away from the poor;  
we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.  
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and pour out the gifts of your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed,  
we may show forth your glory  
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**  
(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                      Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING                      Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING  
Isaiah 60:1-6                      Page No. 602  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM                      Go Tell it on the Mountain

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

MESSAGE                      Following a Star                      Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH                      As with Gladness Men of Old                      Hymnal, No. 150

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      Apostles' Creed                      Hymnal, p. 35

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY                      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow                      Hymnal, No. 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.**

Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Christ is the bread of life.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,**

**we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord**

**until he comes in glory.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG                      Sing of God Made Manifest                      Hymnal, No. 156

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE  
    CHORAL BENEDICTION                      Go Tell it on the Mountain

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for January is cereal. 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 Loreen Upton and Breanna Upton.

Please welcome our guest organist today **Paul Watkins**.

Coming up: our annual **congregational meeting** will be Sunday, Feb. 3, following a **soup potluck**.

Reminder to committee chairs: your **annual reports are due January 13**.

**SUNDAY**

**January 6**

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

**TUESDAY**

**January 8**

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**January 9**

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY**

**January 13**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – MY Group