

Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Darkness is not limited to night skies; darkness invades our spirits and our souls.

People: In darkness of doubt and despair we have lived, until we witnessed the birth of the Savior.

Leader: Now the light has truly come to us!

People: Darkness has been banished away!

Leader: Arise! Shine! For the Light of God's love has come!

People: And we shall be led to that Light in joy and celebration. AMEN.

*Hymn #238

Angels We Have Heard on High

Opening Prayer

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you 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 and morning star, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Psalter – Psalm 72

Hymnal, Page 795

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*Gloria Patri #70

Epistle Reading – Ephesians 3:1-12

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People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn #254

We Three Kings

*Gospel Reading

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People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children Message

Sermon – “The Search”

Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith #881 – Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our Prayer.

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Offering & Offertory

*Doxology (UMH #95)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

*The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn #245

The First Noel

*Benediction

*Postlude

**For those who are able, please stand*