

# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY JANUARY 8, 2017

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

### Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

The Prelude “Down to the River to Pray” *arr. by Douglas Wagner*

#### \*A Call to Worship *The Glory of the Lord*

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

**See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.**

Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**“Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip.**

Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy;

**The wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.**

Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah.

**And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.**

*Isaiah 60:1-6 (New International Version)*

\*Opening Song “As With Gladness” 236

\*Invocational Prayer

\*Song of Faith “Shine, Jesus Shine” 319

Community and Congregational Prayer – **OUR FATHER**, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will

be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading **Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

New Testament Epistle Reading **Ephesians 3:1-12**

\*Responsorial “The First Noel” (Stz 1, 2 & 6) 229

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Good King Wenceslas” & “We Three Kings”  
**West Side Strings Ensemble**

Children’s Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

\*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination **Matthew 2:1-12**

Message: “Children of the Light”  
**The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister**

## RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE

\*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

\*Song “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” 248

\*Closing Prayer & Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude “Spanish Trumpet Joy” *arr. by Patricia Lou Harris*

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# *EPIPHANY SUNDAY*

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!  
Darkness covers the earth and its people,  
but the radiance of God's Light  
burns away its shadows,  
illuminates the smallest corner,  
and heralds in the start  
of a new dawn,  
where hearts no longer fear,  
souls might be set free,  
and sister shall follow brother,  
nation shall follow nation,  
and kings and princes bow down in awe  
before the one who comes to reign.  
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Alleluia!



**MISSION:** The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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