

EPIPHANY SUNDAY: "GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PEOPLE"

JANUARY 2, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

*Opening Song #229 "The First Noel" *CANTIQUE DE NOËL*

*Call to Worship

The Lord God, whom we gather to worship, gave His one and only Son, Jesus, born in Bethlehem, as the fulfillment of the promise to his people, the children of Abraham.

God called Wise Men, representatives of all nations, to seek out the Anointed Child, Jesus, and to worship him.

The Lord said, "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.

Jesus said, "God so loved the world - and each person in it - that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

†Reading based on Isaiah 60:1-3 and John 3:16-17 the Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV® Copyright ©1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved.

*Song of Faith #231 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" *FESTAL SONG*

*Opening Prayer The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Songs of Praise Worship Team

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Fran Seymour-Hunter

The First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

The Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ Matthew 2:1-12

*Responsorial #233 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" *KINGS OF ORIENT*

Announcements & Prayers of the Community: 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - A collection plate is available in the front of the sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give online.

Offertory Special Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Prayer & Message "Good News for All Nations: Blessings"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table – We practice *open communion*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of this memorial meal. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

The Lord's Supper: Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Breaking of Bread – *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

Passing of the Cup – *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

Communion Song #232 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

The Agape Fund - The Collection for the Saints and the Needy

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Closing Hymn #236**

"As with Gladness"

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***Spoken Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

***Postlude**

Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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