

MORNING WORSHIP

January 2, 2022

Half past Ten O'Clock

Epiphany of the Lord

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Michael Burkhardt

CHORAL INTROIT

"Sing of God Made Manifest"

SALZBURG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on The Visit of the Magi

Leader: O come, let us worship our Creator and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

Leader: O come, let us worship our Redeemer and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: People who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

Leader: O come, let us worship our Savior and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,

Leader: making us joint heirs in the Kingdom of God.

All: O come, let us worship our God, for God has done wondrous things!

+*HYMN 133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of love and light, You call us to walk in Your light yet we often walk around in darkness. We stumble and fall hurting ourselves and others. We become overwhelmed and paralyzed by fear of the dark, choosing to do nothing instead of something. Forgive us God, have mercy upon us. God help us to be people of the light, shining Your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Let the light break into our lives and our world and transform us into people of the light. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. In other words, God was reconciling the world to God's self through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. God has trusted us with this message of reconciliation.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE 121 (Verses 3 and 4) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, elementary children are invited to the Chapel. Younger children are invited to the Chapel with a parent anytime.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12, pew Bible, pg. 877

SERMON

“Journey Towards Hope“

Ashlee Anderson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 110

“Love Has Come”

BRING A TORCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“What Star is This?”

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God by Your generous spirit, may You except these our gifts of time, talents and resources. May they further Your work of reconciliation here on earth, bringing light into those places overwhelmed by darkness. Bless the work of our hands that Your righteousness may shine for the world to see. Amen.

*HYMN 150

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

DIX

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

KINGSFOLD

POSTLUDE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshippers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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