

MORNING WORSHIP

January 5, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

Epiphany Sunday

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT "Arise Your Light Is Come" FESTAL SONG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**People: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.**

Leader: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Let us pray.

All: God of hope, who sent a star to guide where Christ was born, guide us by the light of Your word, so we may come to Him offering the gift of our lives, and go out into the world glorifying and praising You, for our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

+*HYMN 66 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O wondrous Hope, God of promise, on whom we rely for life and its meaning: we confess that we have sinned against You by abandoning hope, by failing to hear or accept Your promises, by relying on ourselves to be both the source and the object of our own faith. Forgive us, we pray. Once more open our hearts to Your mercy, our minds to Your promise, our hands to our neighbors in need. Restore us to faith in Your providing care and Your guiding love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON II Corinthians 5:17

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

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN 43 (Verse 4) "O Little Town of Bethlehem" FOREST GREEN

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, children are invited to Children's Worship.
They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:1-12, pew Bible, p. 877

SERMON "Best Light" Rush Otey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Here is the Little Door"

Herbert Howells

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 592*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

John 11:32-44

As we have begun another year, we thank You for this congregation. We pray that You will deepen and increase our faith. Call us into ever new endeavors and achievements, and supply us richly with insight to make them useful for human needs, and with vision for us to win through. May the focus of our faith tomorrow be the strong Son of God, whose triumph over sin and death proved the finality and integrity of Your goodness and power. Above all we ask for grace commensurate with the demands and struggles of the days and months ahead. Establish now within us Your dwelling, and may your inner reign reflect from us an outward radiance that will encourage those who have lost their fire and nerve. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 64

"From a Distant Home"

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"The First Nowell"

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*POSTLUDE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack 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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