



God's Epiphany

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Epiphany Sunday

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME /
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OF
GUEST
Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO
WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Inspired by Psalm 148)

*Liturgist: Come, praise the eternal God! All you in the heavens, angels
above-*

Congregation: Praise God!

Liturgist: Sun, moon, and stars in the sky-

Congregation: Praise God!

Liturgist: Dolphins and whales, fish in the sea-

Congregation: Praise God!

Liturgist: Lightning and thunder, snow and rain-

Congregation: Praise God!

Liturgist: Mountains and hills, desert and prairie-

Congregation: Praise God!

Liturgist: Fruit trees and cedars, flowers and weeds-

Congregation: Praise God!

Liturgist: Kings and presidents, prime ministers and judges-

Congregation: Praise God!

Liturgist: Men and women, young and old-

Congregation: Praise God!

Liturgist: Let them all praise the name of God!

**Congregation: For God's name stands alone, above all others; God's glory
shines over earth and heaven.**

All: Let's worship God together!

*HYMN OF PRAISE
Kings

We Three

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Modern

Affirmation

Liturgist

Laity: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Congregation: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unflinching grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

***GLORIA**

PATRI

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-

6 (NKJV)

Liturgist

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. ² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ " Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at *your* side. ⁵ Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. ⁶ The multitude of camels shall cover your *land*, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S
SERMON
Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world that shows us God's love. Warm my heart with the light of your love. Shine on me, so that I can share your light with others. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12
(NKJV)

Liturgist

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." ³ When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ⁶ 'But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " ⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." ⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary, His mother and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

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* Please stand as you are able.

MISSION MOMENT
Ministry

Pet Bereavement
Sheila Novak

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND
PRAISE

Pastor

Prayer cards are located in the bulletin and if you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect during song and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION
Greater

Grace That is
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PASTORAL
PRAYER
Pastor

SERMON

Pastor

Title: God's Epiphany

Theme: Epiphany Sunday

Main Idea: Epiphany is nothing more than God's Grace Revealed!

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

(Inspired by Matthew 2:1-12)

Gracious Lord, whose light guides our steps, we bring these gifts in humble adoration. May they be used to spread your truth and love to all nations. As we journey into this new year, let our hearts remain focused on your presence and our hands open to your service. In the name of Christ, our guiding star, we pray. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY
Blessings

Praise God, From Whom All
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HOLY
COMMUNION
See Insert

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Go Tell It on the*
Mountain UMH #251

*COMMISSION /
BENEDICTION

Pastor
Beloved, go from this place carrying the blessing of the Light who has come among so that the love of the Christ child may shine within you, casting rays of good news wherever you go...and all of God's children said...Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love and*
Fellowship See screen

POSTLUDE