

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 6, 2019

Epiphany

10:00am

MORNING MEDITATION (*Upon entering Sanctuary, please be in silent meditation*)  
An Epiphany: “A sudden realization of a deep truth.” (Homer Simpson)

## WORDS OF WELCOME

\*\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 147:12-15) Joyce Monska

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

**People: Praise your God, O Zion!**

Leader: The Lord blesses your children within you.

**People: The Lord grants peace within your borders:**

Leader: The Lord fills you with finest wheat.

**People: The Lord sends out his command to the earth.**

Leader: Come let worship with joy and confidence. Let us open our hearts and sing!

\*\*\*OPENING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH # 577

## INVOCATION

Joyce Monska

Leader: O Lord, come to us this day, as we celebrate the birth of your Son and begin to find a way to live in your Presence.

**People: Help us to realize that you have given us a wondrous gift; to teach us and guide us in the new year.**

Leader: Open us to hear the story of love and sacrifice that welcomes all to the table of Holy Communion..

**People: Grant us your grace, to have the confidence to reach out to others and to serve Christ in our world.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O Lord, we gather at the precipice of the new year with an unfounded confidence in our own goodness.

**People: Forgive us for our undeserved pride in our accomplishments and our sense of importance. Help us to see our wrongs, to be clear about our behavior and find ways to see forgiveness for the things we have left undone. We confess before you our errors, our failures and our misdeeds of this past year. Open our eyes to see the light of your revelation this New Year..Have mercy upon us and grant us your blessing.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ God knows and receives us as we are. Listen! Give thanks Know that we are loved and forgiven through God's grace. Amen

**People: Thanks be to God**

## \*\*\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Psalter Reading: Psalm 96  
(Red Hymnal, pages 815-816)

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

\*\*\*Response "Glory Be to the Father"

*"Glory is to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen"*

Scripture Reading; First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

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(Chair Bible OT page 690)

\*\*\*Hymn of Preparation "At the Name of Jesus"

UMH # 168

Scripture Reading; Second Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

(Chair Bible NT page 2)

Rev. David F. Hurst

Sermon: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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## Ministry of Giving

\*\*\*Doxology

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts; Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

## Prayer of Dedication

## "Thanksgiving and Communion"

*We celebrate an open communion Table-All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

PARTING HYM: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" UMH # 254

## BENEDICTION

Leader: Arise! Shine! Go into the new year with confidence that...

**People: Our Light has come!**

Leader: Arise! Shine! Go into the world with the assurance that...

**People: The Lord will shine upon us!**

Leader: Arise! Shine! Go forth with the Spirit of God with us so that.

**People: God's glory will appear and we will see it work in our lives!**

## POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, December 23rd - 39 Adults - 2 Children

Attendance for Christmas Eve Service - 53 Adults - 8 Children

### **Meetings for Week of January 6th**

Sunday, January 6th - Morning Worship / Communion 10:00am

Wednesday, January 9th - Office Open (Hours 9am - 1pm)

### **Meetings for Week of January 13th**

Sunday, January 13th - Morning Worship 10:00am

Wednesday, January 16th - Office Open (Hours 9am - 1pm)

### **Future Happenings**

Monday, January 21st - Cot Shelter

Monday, January 28th - Finance/Trustee Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 30th - Church Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 6th - Worship Meeting 1:00pm

Sunday, February 17th - Fair Meeting 11:15am

(main floor room at end of hall)

Monday, February 18th - Cot Shelter

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*The church has a piano in really good condition, just needs tuning, and also a foot pump organ for the taking. If interested on either or both items, see Pam

\*\*2019 Annual Giving Envelopes available on the Usher's Table.

\*\*Interested in honoring or memorializing a family member or loved one with Altar Flowers? Sign up on the 'Flower Chart' located on the bulletin board as you enter the Library.

\*\*A new bible Study Class will begin on Sunday, February 3rd. More info will follow.

\*\*Committee Chairpersons, please set up your meeting schedule for January - March and enter the info on the calendar in the hallway outside the office door.

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