





*"Wherever his light leads, we follow."  
— Emmanuel Onimisi, The Faces of Christmas*

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**TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION**

*Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.*

**PRELUDE** "Overture from Cantata No. 147: "Unto Us a Child is Born" J.S. Bach  
"Lully, Lullah, Thou Little Tiny Child" Coventry Carol  
Organist, Larry Gillum

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**WELCOME** The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist, Evelyn Wilson

Arise! Shine! Your light has come!  
**God's Glory has come upon us!**  
Though the darkness covered the earth,  
**The Lord's light shines on us instead!**  
They came and brought gifts of gold, Frankincense, and myrrh.  
**We come and offering our hearts and our praise.**

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 205** "All Hail to God's Anointed" ROCKPORT

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Merciful God, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us and help us be your disciples giving hope and promise to all in need.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)  
*Glory be 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.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** *Isaiah 60:1-6, NRSV*

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM** "There Shall a Star" Mendelssohn  
Director, Rich Dixon

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 2:1-12, NRSV*

**MESSAGE**

*"When the Light of Christ Shines*

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 66**

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

*"How Far is it to Bethlehem"*

Paul Manz

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

***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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

\*Choral Sanctus

Serving the Elements

Prayer

**THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

Moderator: There are different gifts,

**People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Moderator: There are different ways of serving God,

**People: But it is the same Lord who is served.**

Moderator: God works through different people in different ways,

**People: But it is the same God who works through us all.**

Moderator: Each is given a gift by the Spirit,

**People: To use for the common good.**

Moderator: Together, we are the Body of Christ,

**People: And individually members of that body.**

Presentation of New Officers

The Constitutional Questions

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

**LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

*(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)*

**\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 22**

*"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"*

REGENT SQUARE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

"Noël Nouvelet"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

## ***The Week Ahead***

### **Monday, January 8**

- 9:00 am—Finance Committee
- 11:00 am—Worship and Music Committee

### **Tuesday, January 9**

- 10:00 am—Building and Grounds
- 1:00 pm—Personnel
- 4:30 pm—Stephen Ministers
- 7:00 pm—Deacons

### **Wednesday, January 10**

- 12:00 pm—Bible Study
- 4:00 pm—Joyful Bells

### **Thursday, January 11**

- 10:00 am—Mission and Outreach
- 10:00 am—Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm—Foundation
- 4:00 pm—Chancel Bells
- 6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

### **Saturday, January 13**

- 9:00 am—Card-Making Group

### **Sunday, January 14**

- 8:15 am—Adult Sunday School
- 8:30 am—Journeys (Online and in-person)
- 10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)
- 11:00 am—Come to Malawi Presentation

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## ***Announcements***

**As you leave worship today**, we invite you to take an Epiphany star. Each star holds a single word. Think about how this star will guide you in 2024.

**Fellowship Time**—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Choir.

**PW Circle** - Next Monday, January 15, the PW Bible Study will be held in the church library at 12 noon. The discussion will be on lesson five titled, "A Person with Leprosy Encounters Jesus." Sylvia Adams and Kari Morrill will lead the discussion. All women are welcome to attend.

**When life gets a little complicated**, can the Deacons on the Sunshine Committee help? We would be happy to supply meals to our PCCR family who are experiencing a few clouds in their life. Please contact the office or Pastor Christine if you or someone you know would like some sunshine!

**Passing the Peace**—From the Worship and Music Committee: Let us greet one another! And let us respect one another's unique needs and desires. As we pass the peace in worship, reach out in greeting to shake hands if you are comfortable doing so. If that does not feel right for you for any reason, feel free to wave, extend an elbow, or place your hands over your heart to indicate that you would like some space today.

**If you have prayer requests** you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Christine at [pastor@pccrusa.org](mailto:pastor@pccrusa.org), or call 970-586-4404 (church).



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