

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

January 2, 2011 2nd Sunday after Christmas ~ Epiphany Observed 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *In Sweet Rejoicing (In Dulci Jubilo)* ~ J.S. Bach Ben Heizer, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Michael Ruleman

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Love Has Come!* Chancel Choir

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ John 1:14

L: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

P: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

*UNISON OPENING PRAYER ~ From the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*

Eternal God, a thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night. As you have led us in days past, so guide us now and always, that our hearts may learn to choose your will, and new resolves be strengthened; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN *We Three Kings* #288

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, 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. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and fill us once again with your Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI #813

ANTHEM *We Three Kings ~ John H. Hopkins, Jr.* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON *(Preschool through 2nd grade children may be led to Junior Church following the children's message. Older children's bulletins are in the vestibule.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Jeremiah 31: 7-14 ~ Page 679 in the pew Bible

For thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'The LORD has saved his people, the remnant of Israel.' Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and she who is in travail, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back. I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands afar off; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.' For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. Then shall the maidens rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, says the LORD."

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 1: 1-18 ~ Page 922 in the pew Bible

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men [*meaning, of all humanity*]. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every person was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of human desire nor of human will, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

L: This is the word of the Lord; P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "He who scattered...will gather" Rev. J. Brad Langdon
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed* Inside front cover of hymnal
 *HYMN *What Child Is This?* #281
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY *What Child Is This? (Greensleeves)* ~ Arr. Timothy Albrecht
 *DOXOLOGY #815
 PRAYER OF DEDICATION
 JOYS AND CONCERNS
 MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debts/debtors...)
 *HYMN *As with Gladness Men of Old* #290
 *BENEDICTION
 *CHORAL RESPONSE *Shine, Jesus, Shine!* Chancel Choir
 POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing* ~ G.F. Handel Ben Heizer

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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