

power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose which he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Epiphany: The Revealing of the Christ to Gentiles" Rev. Frank Wyche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of hymnal

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *We Three Kings* #288

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OFFERING ~ *Lord of All Hopefulness* ~ Cherwien

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ~ *Refer to Bulletin Insert*

*CLOSING HYMN *As with Gladness Men of Old* #290

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Choral Song* ~ Wesley Ken Denton, Organist

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

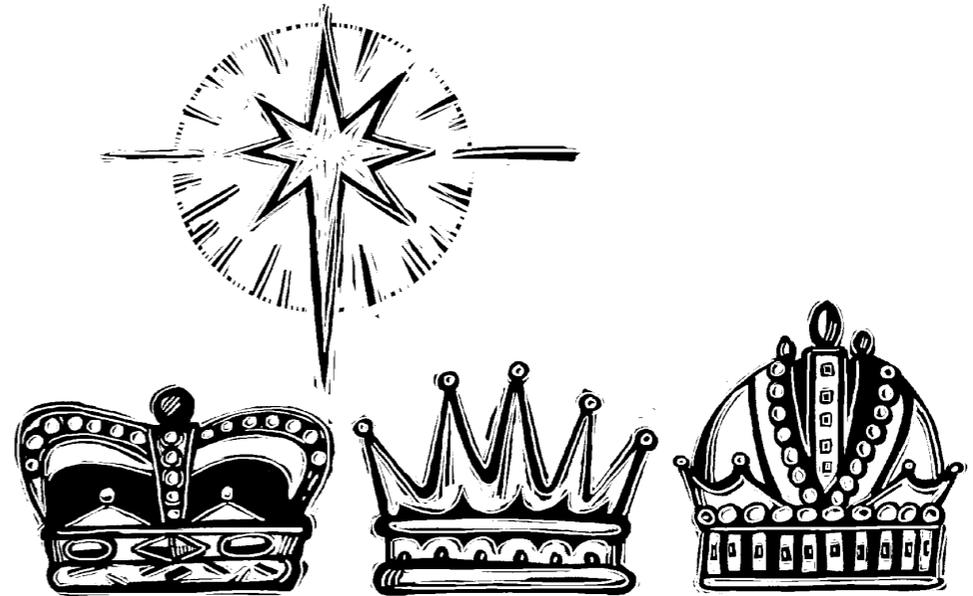
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11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

The Three Kings ~ arr. Held

Ken Denton, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Ruleman, Worship Leader

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Love Has Come

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 72: 1-2, 4a-b, 7, 10-14**

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

P: May he defend the cause of the poor, and give deliverance to the needy. In his days, may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the seasons are no more!

L: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, and all nations serve him!

P: For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the poor, and saves the lives of the needy. From oppression and violence, he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal Father, you have poured out grace upon us all, through the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, and the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Although the holiday of Christmas has passed, keep us mindful of your abiding presence in our lives, in this church, and in the world, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Sing We Now of Christmas

#275

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

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 baptize us once again with you Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory, shining in the face of Jesus Christ. (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

Three Kings from Persian Lands

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 ~ Isaiah 60: 1-6 ~ Page 639 in the pew Bible

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 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. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 2: 1-12 ~ Page 835 in the pew Bible

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and found out from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ephesians 3: 1-12 ~ Page 1018 in the pew Bible

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles – assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace which was given me by the working of his