

The Worship of God
January 7, 2018 · 10:45 am
First Sunday after Epiphany

Today is the first Sunday after Epiphany, the date on the Christian calendar that commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ child. In celebration of Epiphany, we will leave the screen up for the first part of our worship service. This will allow us to see our Moravian star while we hear and sing of the Magi's journey.

GATHERING as God's Children

Introit ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past*** G. Young

Welcome and Invocation Chris Cottingham

*As we gather for worship, please sign the friendship register and pass it down the pew.
If you are the last to sign, please date and tear out the sheet and place it in the offering plate.*

Call to Worship ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** arr. M. Limbaugh

*Today we light the Advent candles of hope, peace, joy, and love and the Christ candle.
The light of the candles reminds us of the light Jesus brought into the world with his birth,
"a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." Luke 2:32*

Choral Response ***Surely the Presence*** Wolfe
Sanctuary Choir

++ Hymn of Praise **No. 1** ***Holy, Holy, Holy*** NICAIA

RECEIVING the Word of God and RESPONDING to God in Worship and Service

Special Music ***Called Me Higher*** Jordan
Praise Team

Scripture Reading **Matthew 2:1-12** Cara Morgan
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

++ Offertory Hymn **No. 151** ***We Three Kings*** KINGS OF ORIENT

++ Offertory Prayer Jim Davis

Offertory ***March of the Kings*** C. Simone

++ Offertory Response ***Doxology*** OLD 100th
After the Doxology, the screen will be lowered.

Scripture Reading **Luke 2:21-40** Jennifer Rygg
The Word of God for the People of God. Chris Cottingham
Thanks be to God.

Anthem ***Blest Are They*** Haas
Sanctuary Choir
After the anthem, children ages 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed to Children's Chapel.

Sermon **"Jesus' Baby Book"** Jennifer Rygg

++ Hymn of Response **No. 148** ***What Child Is This*** GREENSLEEVES
*During the hymn of response, our minister is available for those who desire to follow Christ as Savior,
to renew their relationship with God, to unite with this church, or to seek prayer.*

GOING Into the World

Announcements and Pastoral Benediction Jennifer Rygg

Meditation
As the candles are extinguished, the flame is carried from the sanctuary to represent the presence of the Christ in our lives that goes with us as we go into the world.

++ Benediction Hymn **No. 143** ***Go, Tell It On the Mountain*** GO TELL IT
As we sing our benediction, you are invited to join hands, remembering that we are the Body of Christ.

++ Congregation is invited to stand.

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Worship Notes

Children and Worship: Children are welcome to join us for worship.

Nursery care is available in room 102 for children ages 4 and younger.

Children's Bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances.

Children's Chapel is provided for children ages 4 through 3rd grade during the sermon. Children exit the sanctuary after the anthem and return during the Hymn of Response.

Worship Bags are available in front of the first pew on each side of the sanctuary. Children are encouraged to take a bag at the beginning of the service and return it to the hook at the end of the service.

The Rest of Luke Chapter 2 - Jesus' Early Years

We often think of Luke 2 as being "The Christmas Story." But after the story of Jesus' birth, this chapter also tells two more stories about Jesus' early years.

During Advent last month, we used the stories from Luke chapter 1 to help us prepare for Christmas. On Christmas Eve, we read the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20.

We will begin 2018 with the rest of Luke chapter 2. These texts tell us stories of Jesus' childhood and invite us to remember how God was present in Jesus' life and is present in our lives from the very beginning.

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Scripture

Luke 2:21-40

Luke 2:41-52

More about the Moravian Star: The Moravian star is a traditional Advent decoration of the Moravian church, a Protestant denomination that originated in what is today the Czech Republic. These stars were traditionally made in Moravian boarding schools in the 19th century, likely as part of a geometry lesson. The star reminds us of the star that guided the Magi to find the Christ child. The star also symbolizes the Christ Child himself of whom Scripture prophesied, "A star shall come out of Jacob;" (Numbers 24:17).

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Welcome, Guests! Thank you for worshiping with us today! Please take a moment to complete the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. You can share your experience at our church by visiting our website, clicking on "Visitors" and then "Visitor Response Survey."