

An Order for the Worship of God

Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Paraments – Green

**Please stand as you are able.*

Please remember to turn off cell phones and pagers.

Gathering Music

Mrs. Trish Foy

Invocation

Opening Voluntary

Noel

Daquin

*Call to Worship

(8:30) Nicola Crisp (10:45) Emmaly Manuel

Leader: The Christ child is born!

All you who would find him,
prepare for a journey, as determined as the Magi.

People: All you who would praise him,

come with the faith to follow but a star.

Leader: All who would worship him, come with humility

to the child who shows the immeasurable riches of God.

All: We welcome the light of the world! Amen!

*Hymn 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

*Affirmation from I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator,

Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all,
to whom we testify.

All: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:

That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,

and was manifested in the flesh,

vindicated in the Spirit,

seen by angels,

proclaimed among the nations,

believed in throughout the world,

taken up in glory.

Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen!

*Gloria Patri (#70)

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.

Ritual of Friendship

Dr. Al Bowles

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it along your pew.)

Receiving the Morning Tithes and Offerings

(Prayer request cards may also be placed in the offering plates.)

Anthem *Sing We Now of Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

(see the Epiphany text – Hymn 237)

arr. B. Adams

Pauline Martin, clarinet; Jim Martin, piano

*Doxology

(The communion elements, the bread and juice, are presented at the altar.)

*Hymn 219

What Child is This

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

The Gift of God

Dr. C. Mark Gooden

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God, our guide,

who once used a star to lead people to Christ,

we confess our poor sense of direction.

We let ourselves become confused,

easily distracted, and lose our way.

We fail to follow the signs you provide.

Forgive our waywardness, O God.

Lead us to the Christ

so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth

that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ.

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,

in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: As forgiven people, let us show one another signs of

reconciliation and love.

To each other: Christ's peace be with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you ...

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

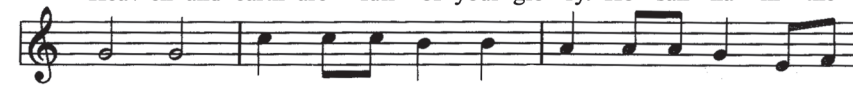
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,

In whom you have revealed yourself, our light and salvation ...

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here ...

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.



A - men, a - men a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

(Gluten free bread is in the cup in the center of the plate.)

(The communion offering is for the Mustard Tree Ministries.)

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

You have fed us, Lord, and we are grateful.

Allow us to respond this day, and in the days to come,

with hearts made ready,

eyes made open,

hands made strong,

and feet made willing

to do your will in this place,

and in all the places to which you call us. Amen.

*Hymn 245

The First Noel

*Benediction and Response

Voluntary

People, Look East

M. Barker

*Congregation standing as they are able

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Assisting in the 8:30 Service

8:30 SERVICE – Ushers: John Hughes, Ed Kern, Nick Nicholson, Ed Watt

Head Usher: David Hudson **Greeters:** Renee Hudson, Martha Payne

Nave Volunteers: Renee Hudson, Lynn & Pat Panter

10:45 SERVICE – Ushers: John Bode, Jack Carroll, Jr., Emory Fry, Gary Paul,

Chris Schobert, Joe Waddell, Erin Wallin **Head Usher:** Steve Barringer

Greeters: Pete Palmer, Ben & Jen Baucom, Shirley Harper, Faye Wolfe

Nave Volunteers: Dan & Emily Baker

Banner: Christian Morgan **Crucifer:** Abdulai Bab

Acolytes: Holden Mackey, Keegan Morgan



ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE – ASK USHERS FOR ASSISTANCE.

• Please check-in all children before they leave for Children's Worship. 

• Childcare & Children's Worship available.

• Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.

• 10:45 Service telecast on Channel 12, WDEF-TV, 6 & 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Visitors please stop by the Visitors' Information desk in the Narthex.

We are glad you are here!

Please register your attendance on the Ritual of Friendship pad
and pass it to your neighbors so they can register also.

PREACHING IN THE VINE: Rev. Barry Kidwell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You're invited... "Embracing the Prophets"

January 9 – February 13, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.

Join our six-week Wednesday afternoon Study Group led by Dr. Linda I. McDaniel

We'll explore the message of the prophets in their time and place with today's message. Discussions will contrast historical connections between Israel's sociological, economic and spiritual status with current American challenges. Sign up by email - limcdaniel@fcumc.org or call Marsha at 756-2021. Workbooks – \$10.

