

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

January 1, 2017

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

The Life and Work of the Church

Welcome, friends and members

Please sign back page of bulletin

All Family Worship – No Nursery Care

Restrooms found in Education Building

Prayer requests for offering plate

Fellowship Hour following worship

Announcements – please use microphone

* A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Call to Worship:

There is good news of great joy for all!

Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

The glory of God has risen upon us.

***Hymn: #151** “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we confess

that we are not people of peace.

**You shine upon us with your glory,
yet we hide our faces from the light.**

**You speak to us a holy mystery,
yet we do not listen to your word.**

Forgive us, God of grace.

**Give us, the least of all the saints,
the wisdom to know and proclaim
the gospel of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response: #147, verse 6**

**Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

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A Scripture Conversation

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

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Sermon: *“Costly Devotion”*

***Hymn: #144** “In the Bleak Midwinter”

***Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Reception of Offerings by Ushers

*Presentation

***Doxology: #150, vss. 1, 3**

**As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

*Prayer of Thanks

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The 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.**

Words of Institution

Distribution

You may say to your neighbor:

"The Body of Christ", then "The Cup of Salvation"

Closing Prayer

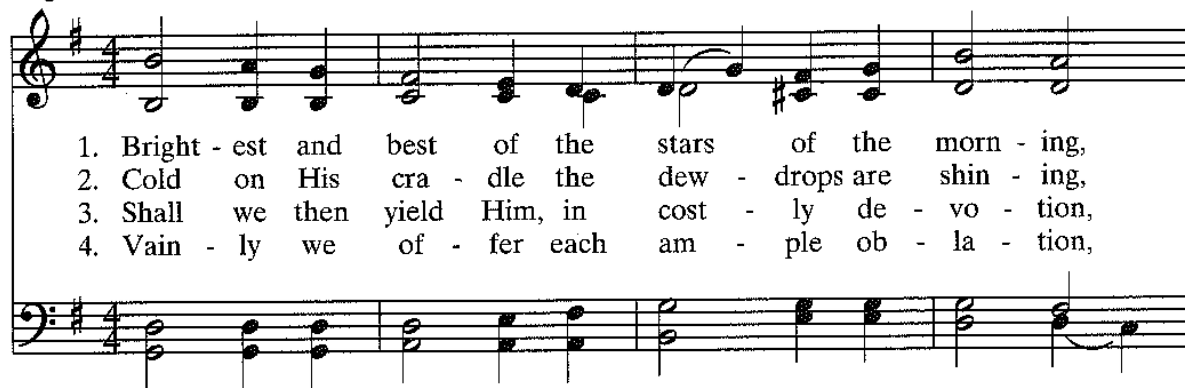
Please dispose of your cups in the basket near the exit as you leave.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

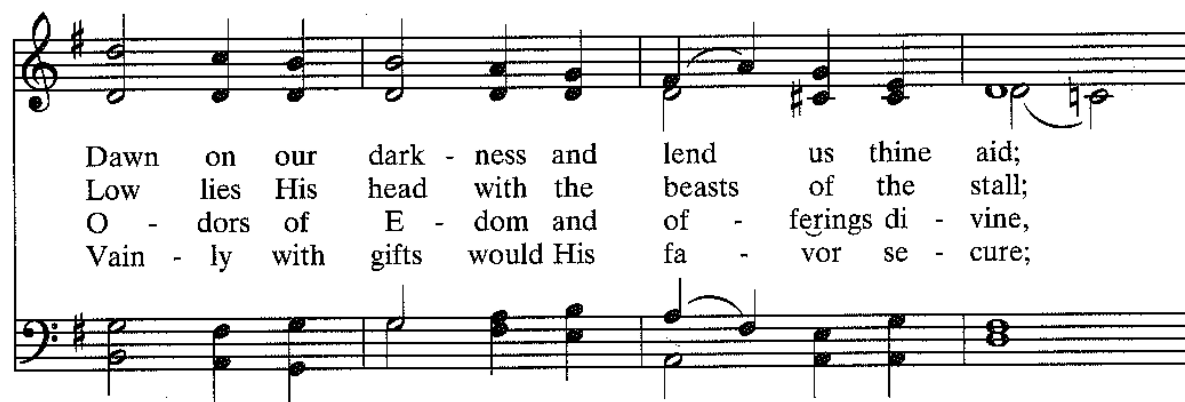
*Hymn: "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

Reginald Heber, 1811; alt.

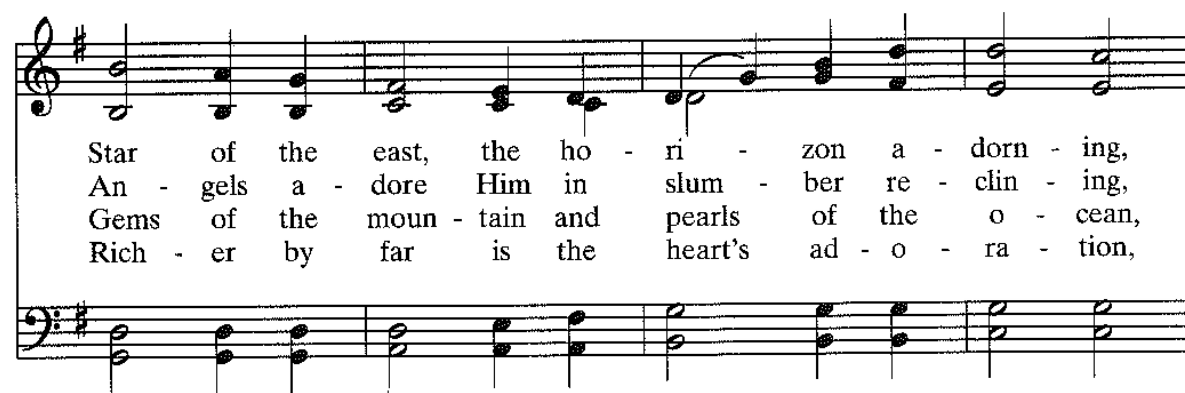
James Proctor Harding, 1892



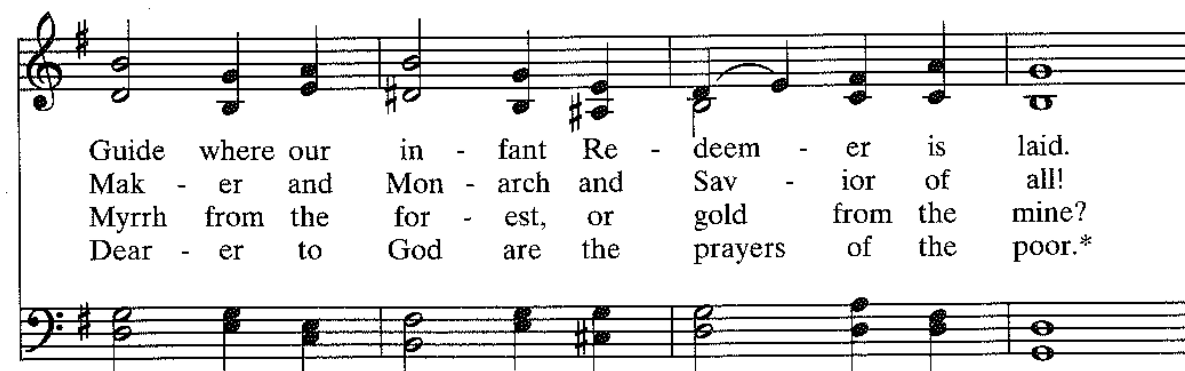
1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2. Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3. Shall we then yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
O - dors of E - dom and of - ferings di - vine,
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure;



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all!
Myrrh from the for - est, or gold from the mine?
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.*

*Charge and Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.

All Family Worship Today

There will be no Someplace Else or Nursery today. Families are asked to worship together. Additional resources are provided for use by children in the pews. Ask an usher for a Children's Worship Bag!

Worship Assistance

Please see an usher to receive hearing assistance, a large print bulletin or bible, or a personal seat cushion.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

Continuing Care Homes:

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The Flowers are given to the glory of God
Pat Adair
In Loving Memory of My Husband, James Adair



Special Gifts Memorial Case:
Samuel M. Couper
1804-1886

Nicholas McIntire
1915-1983

This morning, our Ushers are:
Andrew, Allie, Julie & Cora Lundgren

Flowers: Brenda Walters

Coffee Hour: Janet Spring

Communion Servers: Bob & Joan Appleby,
Patti Isaacs-Hansen, Conchita Showell and Heather Raezer

Spirit of Christmas

Thanks to all who helped make our 2016 Spirit of Christmas celebration a great success! Because of your sharing of talent and time, this year we will be sending Friendship House at least \$7,800.

At 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, we will review Spirit of Christmas 2016 at a meeting in the CE Building. We urge all SOC committee chairpersons, plus anyone else with ideas to share, to attend. If you are not able to join us at the meeting but have suggestions for future Spirit of Christmas celebrations, please contact Kelly Koczak-McCurdy, Miranda Matthews, or Pat Taylor.

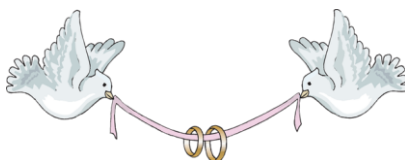
-- Kelly, Miranda, and Pat

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Cynthia Beam, 1/1	Linda Twyford, 1/10
Mary Duncan, 1/1	Wren Esham, 1/14
Lynn MacEwen, 1/1	Daniel Dunson, 1/16
Mark Stallard, 1/2	Jim Whisman, 1/17
Rachel Briggs, 1/2	Louise Thornton, 1/22
Kris Stone, 1/6	Mildred McGraw, 1/25
Olivia Viola, 1/6	Julia Spock, 1/27
Mariellen Boyle, 1/8	



Bob & Janet Swick, 1/21
Jim & Barbara Whisman, 1/25
Charles & Joanne Ward, 1/26



This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	1/1		EPIPHANY SUNDAY
		10:30am	Family Worship – The Lord's Supper
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	1/2		Office Closed
Tuesday	1/3	12:00pm	Noon Circle
Wednesday	1/4	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	1/5	7:30pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	1/6		<i>Nancy's Day of Rest*</i>
Saturday	1/7	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	1/8		BAPTISM OF THE LORD
		10:30am	Worship & Someplace Else
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour
		11:40am	Christian Education Committee
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers

**Pastor Nancy is always available for pastoral emergencies.*