



GATHERING

PRELUDE *Noel Variations on "Angels We Have Heard on High"* David Lowe

WELCOME & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Please check in by signing the register found in the pew or by scanning this code with your phone.



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet one another with "The peace of Christ be with you" or "And also with you."

INTROIT *Rejoice and Be Merry* John Rutter
The Sanctuary Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather, wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

All: **We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.**

One: We gather, asking, 'Where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

All: **We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.**

One: We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

All: **We will find our hope where fear is overcome by grace, where hatred is overcome by love, where darkness is overcome by Light.**

*HYMN 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and love, we come to you seeking to follow your light in our world, desiring to set aside all distractions that keep us from you. Emmanuel, God-with-us, we pray for the perseverance and courage to seek out and approach you wherever you are to be found; that you would grant us the vision and understanding to see and recognize you whenever we might meet you; and that you would gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. Amen.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: **We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

**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.**

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:9-11

SERMON

Epiphany

A Word of Wisdom

Rev. Matthew Ruffner

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

Mid-Winter

Bob Chilcott

The Sanctuary Choir
Text found at Hymn 144

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We will receive the elements by intinction. Come forward as directed by the ushers, receive a piece of gluten-free bread, then dip it in the cup of juice, taking both elements together. Pre-packaged kits are also available from the roaming servers.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin

*POSTLUDE *Toccata on Vom Himmel Hoch ("From Heaven Above to Earth I Come")*

Garth Edmundson

WORSHIP LEADERS

The preacher is Rev. Matthew Ruffner. Rev. Mark Brainerd is the liturgist. The organist is Artist-in-Residence Bradley Hunter Welch. Steve Jobman, Artistic Director-in-Residence, conducts the Sanctuary Choir.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for Mona Rizk-Finne, Giselle Gafford, and their family on the passing of their husband and father, Gunnar Finne, on December 23. Service arrangements at PHPC are pending.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Owen Tan in loving memory of Martha Tan. The flowers in the Columbarium Garden were made possible by the Tan Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Tan.

FOR OUR GUESTS

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY in the form of video recording and live streaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast. Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Worship kits are available on the white cube shelves in the north and south transepts. We also provide a professionally staffed nursery in room S168 (across from the church office) for infants through 36 months.