

Pennington Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

~ January 1, 2012 ~

Celebration of Epiphany

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

As the music begins, please quiet yourself in anticipation of the worship of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie"* Maurice Durufle

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The people who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan

Making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel.

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done.

*HYMN *"We Three Kings from Orient Are"* Hymnal #66

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

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 the cries for justice. We do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us from our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. (*silent confession*) Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE HYMN “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Lift Up Your Hearts #50

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Shannon Smythe
(dismissal to childcare for children through age 3 – in the nursery, room 209)

*HYMN “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” Hymn # 67

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)
God of Epiphany, we long to hear your holy Word in fresh ways. Open our ears to the call of your voice. Open our eyes to the dawning of a new day. Fill us with anticipation for your future. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON “The Star Over Bedlam” Rev. Jack McAnlis

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*NICENE CREED (*Ecumenical Version*) Hymnal, front section, page 15

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY “Little Baby Jesus” Blaine Allen
Debbie Ryan, Soloist

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #592)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)
Bright Morning Star, your light has come, and your birth, O Jesus, has overwhelmed us with joy. Like the Magi of long ago, may we be drawn to you and offer you such gifts as we are able. Amen

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP (Communion this morning is by intinction. All who are able, please come forward when invited by the ushers. If you want communion served to you in your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station.)

COMMUNION PRAYER

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN “O Laughing Light” Sing the Faith # 2093

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fughetta on "O Laughing Light"* Healey Willan
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Worship notes: *congregation is invited to stand
Bold is to be said by congregation

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