

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

Greeting

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Together, we follow our hearts and our dreams to this moment.

All: We listen and learn, love and pray.

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All: with the long days of travel, the gifts of strangers, the horror of power, the celebration of life.

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One: Joining with the magi, together, we worship the babe, our hope.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Epiphany God, you are the one who shatters the despair and hopelessness. You place a star in the sky as a guide, and you lead us to find new life in unknown places. We gather in worship this day to give thanks for the light your presence offers, the confidence your love gives, and the sanctuary your peace places before us. Bathe us in your light this day and help us feel the warmth of your love in this community of hope. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Joy to the World"

VU# 59

Candle Lighting, and The Peace:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Dear God, we give thanks for all that you have given us, for light and stars that help us in all we do. Guide us and help us to follow you so that all we do may be guided by your love. Help us to shine our light so that we can shine like stars. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn: "Dream a Dream"

MV# 158

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Reader: Tracy

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31: 7-14

New Testament: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Response:

One: This is God's Living Word,

All: we rejoice and give thanks for this Word. Amen

Reflection

Anthem "Seekers of Light"

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: "Joy is now in Every Place"

VU# 45

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

*Sung Dedication:

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

VU# 541

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, we give our gifts and talents, just as the wise ones brought you frankincense, myrrh and gold, when you were on your mother’s knee. We bring you our earthy treasures to help illuminate your presence on this earth. Amen.

***Hymn:** “I Am the Light of the World”

VU# 87

***Commissioning and extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** Go Now In Peace

Postlude

*Service prepared and led by: **Trudy Colpitts**, Licensed Lay Worship Leader*

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers:	Jan 5 Sue R & John	Jan 12 Ellen & David
Screens:	Jan 5 Kevin	Jan 12 Erik Jan 19 Tracy

This Week’s Calendar

Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wed	12:30pm	Writer’s Circle	Boardroom
Thurs	12:30pm	Bridge	Church Hall

*Tai Chi with Val is offered Mon, Wed & Fri

Scouts, Embers, Rumi After School Learning Centre, Church of Pentecost and other groups use the church spaces during the week

Announcements:

Grocery Cards Available! This is an excellent way to support your church and one of our major fundraisers.