

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 6, 2019

EPIPHANY SUNDAY



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

PRELUDE

Impression on "Kings of Orient"

Alfred Fedak

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

In Latin, "homo" means man; "homo sapiens" literally means "wise man."

Is that a description of our species or a challenge to it?

INTROIT

Angels Sang about His Birth

Arr. E. MacMillan

*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!

Today's cover art is a detail from a larger work entitled "The Three Kings" from 1949 by Edmund Lewandowski (1914-1998). It is part of the Hallmark Permanent Art Collection.

When you see an asterisk () you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able. Please join in speaking or singing all parts in **bold italics**.*

The Call to Worship is from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

Today in Sunday School the children are learning about the Wise Men (1st-3rd) and King Herod (4th-5th) from Matthew 2:1-12 & 13-18.

The Epiphany story appears only in the Gospel of Matthew. While typically made a part of the Nativity in popular culture, the events of Matthew 2 take place sometime after the birth narrative, but the scriptures are silent as to how long after. Today, the Epiphany story is joined with the lesser known Egypt narrative which was motivated by King Herod's response to the visit by the Wise Ones.

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

The peoples 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 joyous news, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

O come, let us worship the Lord,
for God has done wondrous things!

*HYMN *As with Gladness Men of Old* Purple, No. 150

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION Purple, No. 122, Verse 4
Silent Night, Holy Night

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Light of Lights, show us what you want us to see, point us where you want us to go, lead us and we will follow. Amen.

SERMON READING Matthew 2:1-23 NT, p. 2

SERMON *'Tis Folly To Be Wise*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

The Three Kings

P. Cornelius

*Response *What Child Is This* Purple, No. 145, Verse 3

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

In gratitude and thanksgiving, we bring our offerings, our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Take and transform all we offer so that all that we do, say, and are may further your coming reign of peace, justice, and love. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus Entered Egypt* Purple, No. 154

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you!

And also with you.

O God, our Mother and Father, bread baker and wine maker,

we give you thanks and praise.

We rightly give you thanks, O God...

...to praise your holy Name:

Holy Lord, God of endless love,

heaven and earth are surely full of your glory.

The angels sang of it—we have been lavished with it.

Blessed is he who was born that we might have life.

Glory to God and on earth peace to all people.

Holy God, as the travelers...

... Breathe your Spirit in us that we may be one body with him—
living out his ministry in the world today and every day.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Light of the World, we give you thanks for the illuminating presence of your Spirit with us, surrounding us and filling us with Divine life. May this meal we have shared renew us and inspire us to join more joyfully with you as you work for peace and justice in the world. Amen.

Our communion hymn was written by Adam M. L. Tice and set to one of the most popular early 20th Century hymn tunes, Vaughan Williams' King's Weston. Tice, a Mennonite who is a graduate of Goshen College in Indiana, is one of the youngest hymn writers represented in our hymnal. He published these words in 2007, when he was 27 years old.

If you leave during the Postlude, please show respect for those who remain in their seats to listen. Thanks!

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	Purple, No. 151
*CHARGE AND BLESSING		
*RESPONSE	<i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i>	C. Kocher
POSTLUDE	<i>How Brightly Shines the Morningstar</i>	Bach/Dupre

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Pastor Ann

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Northminster Chancel Choir

Soloists: Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;

Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

Ushers—Pat Drinkwine, Kent Geibel, Ryan Gregory, Dennis Trautvetter

Acolytes—Calvin & Merritt Wooldridge

Our Northminster Family at Work

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