



## January 7, 2017: The Feast of the Epiphany 10:30am

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>The Three Kings</i>	Wilbur Held & John H. Hopkins
<b>Entrance</b>	<i>Brightest and Best</i>	<b>Hymnal 117</b>
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<i>We Three Kings</i>	<b>Hymnal 128</b>
	<i>The congregation is invited to sing the 1st and final verses and join in the singing of the refrain, "Oh... Star of wonder ..."</i>	
<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	<i>Here is the little door</i>	Herbert Howells
<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<i>He is King of Kings</i> <i>Sing of Mary</i>	<b>LEVAS 96</b> <b>Hymnal 277</b>
<b>Exit</b>	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	<b>Hymnal 616</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Festive Trumpet Tune</i>	David German

## The Ministry of the Word

### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **1st Lesson** *Please be seated*

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 72:1-7** *All sing the refrain after the choir, and where indicated.*

based on hymntune "Hail to the Lord's anointed"



Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;  
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness. **Refrain**

He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **Refrain**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service. **Refrain**

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **Refrain**

**2nd Lesson**

**Ephesians 3:1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In

former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel** *please stand*

**Matthew 2:1-12**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Worship Leaders

Celebrant	The Rev. Mike Angell
Preacher	Mary Haggerty, Seminarian
Assisting	The Rev. Marc Smith
Deacon	The Rev. Chester Hines
Lectors	Helen Burton, Cecily Hawksworth
Intercessor	Andrew Carpenter
Crucifer	Scott Scoopmire
Acolytes	Christian Davis, Chloe Olliff
Greeters/Ushers	Susan Norris, Colleen Haggerty
Children's Chapel Leader	Heidi Olliff

## Announcements

**Adult Forum and Intergenerational Formation** This Sunday, Christian Formation returns at 9:15am with an Intergenerational Formation focusing on the visitation of the Wise Men.

**Intergenerational Game Night- Tonight!** All are invited to our first intergenerational game night. Bring your favorite game and any leftover Christmas cookies you would like to share. We will provide the pizza and drinks. We will gather from 5-7:30pm, so please feel free to come and go as your schedule permits.

**Epiphany Celebration: Visit of the Three Kings –Today at 10:30am** Come celebrate the start of the Epiphany season as we welcome the three kings to Holy Communion. During our 10:30 worship, the Three Kings will enter as they follow the star to adore the Christ Child. After the 10:30am service, the children get to break open the star (piñata).

**MLK Music Festival— January 14: featuring music composed by Rollo Dilworth,** Dilworth is a composer of choral music, with emphasis in the areas of spirituals and gospel-inspired works.

## Annual Giving Update

If you have already pledged, thank you. Your generosity makes a difference. As you see in the chart below, we have already exceeded our total pledging last year, in terms of dollars. Given this year of growth, we are hopeful that more people will pledge. In order to keep parish ministry growing along with Sunday attendance, we need to hear from everyone.

<b>2017 (final)</b>	<b>2018 (to date)</b>
Total Pledges: 107	Total Pledges: <b>106</b>
Total Pledged: \$225,497	Total Pledged: <b>\$256,694</b>
New pledges for 2018: <b>19</b>	
Percent of 2018 pledgers under age 40: <b>22%</b>	
Historic Pledges Increase/Decrease : <b>+ \$8,988</b>	