

CELEBRATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • Internet/radio AM 850 and FM 92.5 at 11:00 AM

JANUARY 7, 2018 • EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE FROM, WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE OUR NEIGHBOR. ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!
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Introit text from the *Venite*
(Psalm 95)

Daniel Killilea,
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from Isa. 60:1, 3; Isa. 60:1, 3 &
Titus 2:11

The Litany for Epiphany - from
The Book of Common Worship

*Those able may stand.

†*Waiting worshipers may be
seated at this time.

WELCOME & PRELUDE “Fairest, Lord Jesus” Charles Callahan

INTROIT “O Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down”
*O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
Nations shall come to your light
and rulers to the brightness of your rising.
Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will
not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.
The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all humankind.

†***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #54** (blue)
“From Heaven Above” VOM HIMMEL HOCH
Entrance of the Word and the Light

***ADORATION & CONFESSION**
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Alleluia!
Shout to the LORD, all the earth, Alleluia!
With joy let us pray to our Savior,
the Son of God who became one of us, saying:
“The grace of God be with us all.”
O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place
where the Word of life is not yet received.
Draw the whole creation to yourself
that your salvation may be known through all the earth.
The grace of God be with us all.
O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your church to every place.
make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.
The grace of God be with us all.
O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and thoughts
of the leaders of nations that they may seek justice, and further
peace and freedom for all.
The grace of God be with us all.
O Christ, master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the
afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen.
Watch over the lonely and those in danger.

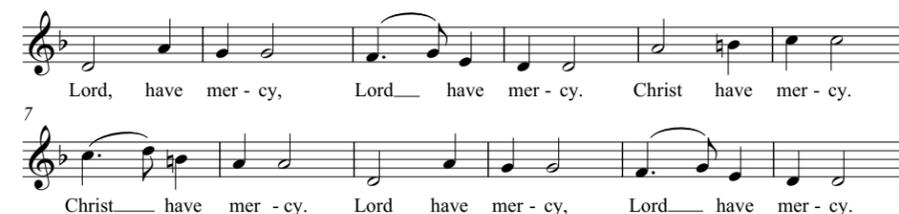
Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.
The grace of God be with us all.

brief silence

O Christ, light made manifest as the true light of God, gladden our hearts
on the joyful morning of your glory; call us by our name on the great Day of
your coming; and give us grace to offer, with all the hosts of heaven, unending
praise to God in whom all things find their ending. now and ever. **Amen.**

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 cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of 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.

RESPONSE



***DECLARATION OF GRACE & FORGIVENESS**
“We Three Kings of Orient Are” THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.

†***PEACE OF CHRIST** The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

CELEBRATIONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 1:1-5 page 1
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***HYMN #63** (blue) “As with Gladness Men of Old” DIX

***EPISTLE LESSON** Ephesians 3:1-19 pages 235-236
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “True Wisdom”

Welcome Austin Foster, tenor as
our soloist today.

Words in bold text are spoken in
unison by the congregation.

Rev. Dr. Ed Hurley

Please sign the Friendship Pad,
and pass it down the row.
Children ages 3-5 may leave the
Sanctuary for Enrichment after
the welcome.

Lay Readers - Glenn Davis - 8:30
Robyn Nichols - 11:00

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OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Solo "I Wonder As I Wander" John Jacob Niles

*DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION OLD HUNDREDETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Nicene Creed" (Ecumenical)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Call to Prayer

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.

Great Thanksgiving with Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and the Wine

Receiving Bread and Wine

Communion Anthem "At the Name of Jesus" arr. Kirkby

*At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
It is his pleasure we should call Him Lord, Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

*Humbled for a season, to receive a name From the lips of sinners unto whom He came,
Gladly He bore it spotless to the last, Brought it back victorious when from death He passed.*

*Bore it up triumphant with its human light, Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
Before the throne and to the Father's breast; Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.*

*In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown as your Captain in temptation's hour; Let His will enfold you in its light and power.*

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN #423 (blue) "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*RESPONSE TO BLESSING

Go live as people of God, in the name of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Let All Together Praise the Lord" Paul Manz

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

Worshippers are invited to remember the needs of others by contributing at the doors to the Good Samaritan Offering following each service.

A star of our galaxy known as our Sun. Photographed by NASA Dec. 15, 2014.

The Affirmation of Faith is found in the front of the blue hymnal page 15

(Please come forward by center & outer aisles. Take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the Cup. Individual cups are available for those who so desire. Gluten-free wafers are available in the small center containers within each bread tray. Those unable to come forward may be served in your pews.)

Solo - 8:30 Austin Foster, tenor
Anthem - 11:00 - Chancel Choir

ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS are invited to stop by after the 11:00am Worship Service to enjoy light refreshments and each other at our SUNDAY CELEBRATION in the Waters' Attium at the bottom of the staircase.

Front cover image:



"Our wisdom, in so far as it ought to be deemed true and solid wisdom, consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves... No person can survey himself without immediately turning his thoughts towards the God in whom he lives and moves; because it is perfectly obvious, that the endowments which we possess cannot possibly be from ourselves... It is evident that a person never attains to a true self-knowledge until she has previously contemplated the face of God, and come down after such contemplation to look into herself... The knowledge of God and the knowledge of ourselves are bound together by a mutual tie."

~John Calvin



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