RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sing We Now of Christmas

arr., H. Leonard

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER, including CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 147

"The First Noel"

THE FIRST NOWELL

(verses 1-5)

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

*POSTLUDE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

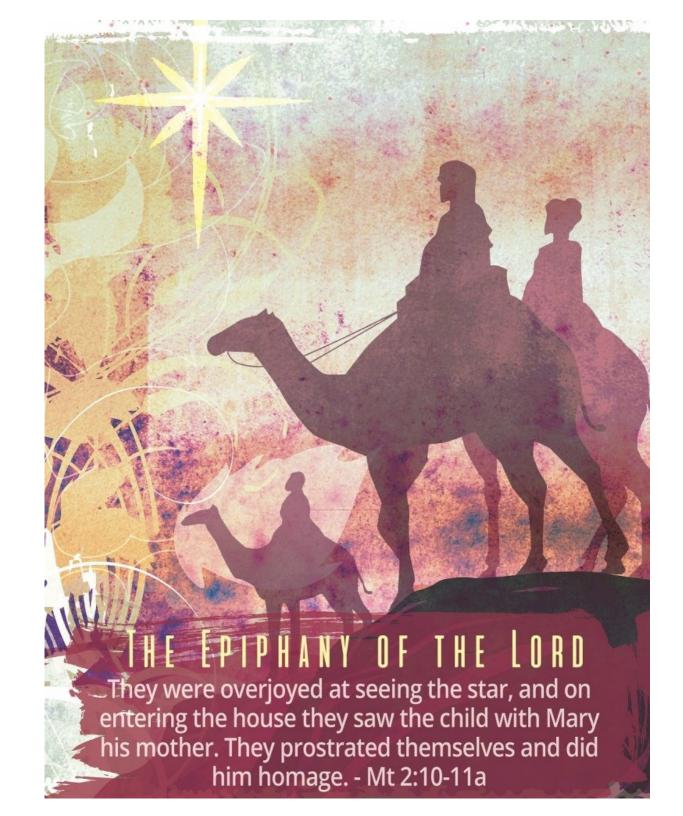
arr., B. Inman

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* denotes standing as able.

PIANIST: Pam Knox

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson



COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: White January 1, 2023 11:00am Worship

Epiphany/Holy Communion GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! arr., H. Leonard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY O Come, All Ye Faithful arr., K. Barker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine: for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

We come to this space, following the star, seeking a miracle.

You will see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

for here we find a prophecy fulfilled, and a mystery revealed!

*HYMN 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Refugee of Israel, we would like to believe that we would be like the magi, that we would protect the innocent child, that we would stand up to power. But too often we have turned away from those who need us.

Too often we have bent to the powers that resigning ourselves to the way it has always been.

Forgive our lack of action, guide us back to your purposes, and help us be brave enough to do your will. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 136 "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" GO TELL IT (refrain) Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-6

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 145 "What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES