

Epiphany:

Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

January 6, 2019



PRELUDE “As With Gladness Men of Old”

arr. Robert Hobby

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “As With Gladness of Old” [LW 75, v. 1-3]

OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]

RESPONSE “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” [LW 88, v. 1]

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Philippians 1:3-11** [NIV]

³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

R: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL VERSE “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” [LW 88, v. 4]

HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 2:1-12** [NIV]

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

THE NICENE CREED

HYMN “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort and Healing: the family of Maggie Schmidt** (aunt of Mark Wendorf) – died last week; **Ed** (uncle of Mark Wendorf) – recovering from a heart attack.

•**Wisdom and Courage: Peace/RA/MyTime Staff and Church Leaders**

•***The Lord’s Prayer***

HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“The First Noel”

arr. John Leavitt

Organ

“The First Noel”

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG “As With Gladness Men of Old” [LW 75, v. 4-5]

POSTLUDE “As With Gladness Men of Old”

arr. Raymond Haan

GUEST PASTOR: *Dr. Abjar Bakou*
SENIOR PASTOR: *Dr. Jim Mueller*
CARE PASTOR: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

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WORSHIP

- This Is Christ: Upcoming Sermon Series | Beginning January 13, 2019

ADULT

- Un-Decorating Day | TODAY | After 11am Worship | *Light Lunch provided*
- Bible Class | Sunday, January 13 | Guest Speaker: Dr. Barb Geistfeld (*Lutherans for Life*)
- Peace Blood Drive | Carter Blood Care | Sunday, January 13 | 8:15am-12:45pm

WOMEN

- Breathe Life Ministries Women’s Conference | January 18-19, 2019
 - Friday, January 18: 6:30-9:00pm | Saturday, January 19: 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Tickets: \$25 | Deadline to Register: January 13 | **Register Online**
- Women of Wednesday Bible Study | Begins January 9 | 5:30-7:00 pm | FH
- Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study | Begins January 10 | 9:00 am | FH

YOUTH

- HS Youth Night | Beginning January 6 | 7-8:30pm | Kindred Coffee
 - 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month (unless otherwise stated)
- All New Middle School Hangout | Beginning January 13 | 6pm | Youth Rec
 - 2nd Sunday of each month (unless otherwise stated)
- NYG Fundraiser | Sunday, January 13 | 4-8pm | Panera Bread (Hurst) | 20% of sales
- High School Youth Lock-In | February 1-2, 2019 | 8pm- 8am | **Register by January 27**