

TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Epiphany – January 9, 2022

♪ **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “Christmas Offering”**

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WELCOME

Pastor Jeanie Shaw

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go with the shepherds:

Let us go to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones,

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Come, let us worship, Come, let us adore him:

Christ the Lord!

PRAYER

Holy God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star.

Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*♪ **GATHERING SONG – “We Three Kings”**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

And also with you.

CHILDREN’S TIME

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, as your Word is read, fill our hearts with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 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!

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

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, the Good News of God.
Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – "Is There Another Way Home?"

Pastor Jeanie

♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – "Holy Child Within the Manger"

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Gracious God, we thank you for your Son, Jesus.

As the Wise Kings followed the star, help us to follow Jesus, and bring light to your world through our gifts. In Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

♪ SONG OF THANKS – "Bring We the Frankincense"

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Please conclude your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy," and all will respond, "Hear our prayer."

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

♪ COMMUNION SONG – “Gloria, Gloria”

* PRAYER OF THANKS

In Christ’s manger, at Christ’s table, God is made known to us.

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

* ♪ SENDING SONG – “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD

* BENEDICTION

*SENDING

Go out in peace. Follow the Star!

Thanks be to God!

*We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk **

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Our congregation has a heart for missions: locally, nationally, and in God’s world. With your support we give to Sierra Community House (Hunger Relief, Crisis Intervention & Prevention, Family Support & Community Engagement, Mediation & Legal Assistance); North Tahoe–Truckee Homeless Services; Healthy Babies; International Health Partners Tanzania; Hands of Hope Zimbabwe; youth service trips to Nicaragua and Alaska; adult disaster trips locally and around the world; and the responsible, vigorous mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our nation and world. Additionally, during the pandemic, our congregation has supported local essential workers.

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Follow Jesus. Love All. Serve Others.