



## TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Epiphany Sunday – January 8, 2023

*The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.*

#### ♪ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “Do You Hear What I Hear?” “Little Drummer Boy”

Susan Horst: Piano, Lorelle Banzett: Percussion, Steve Ogg: Tenor

#### WELCOME

Rev. Jeanie Shaw

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

Congregation

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise! Shine!

**God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.**

Arise! Shine!

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Arise! Shine!

**God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.**

Arise! Shine!

**Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION - *Invitation to Confession and silent reflection*

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope, and salvation.

**Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.**

**Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.**

**Glory of God, forgive us for believing that the darkness cannot be overcome with your light.**

**Light of God, Glory of God, forgive us.**

#### \* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - *The symbol ✝ included below is an invitation to pray by making the sign of the cross.*

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are

joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Amen.**

#### \* SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

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

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ in a way that you feel most comfortable, saying “The peace of Christ be with you.”*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. **Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-6

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

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.

### \* ♪ PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – “Christ Be Our Light”

Congregation

### \* GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

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.**

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN OUR TIME

Jami Wiseman and TLPC children

♪ SONG - "Hark The Herald Angels Sing

♪ SONG - "Away In A Manger"

♪ SONG - "Carol Of The Bells"

### GATHERING OF GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC – "Silent Night"

Cooper Shaffer: Violin

\* ♪ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, SONG OF THANKS - "Give Thanks"

Congregation

### \* 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

#### \* INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### \* 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.**

#### \* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The pastor continues with the prayer, concluding:*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth.**

**Lead us, by your light that 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 forever. Amen.**

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

♪ COMMUNION SONG - "Wait on the Lord"

Congregation

### \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life.

**As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace.**

**Make us shine with the good news of your glory,**

**born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

\* ♪ SENDING SONG – “Joy To The World”

Congregation

**PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD**

*We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church, in our local community, and throughout the world.*

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **SENDING**

Go in peace. Follow the star!

**Thanks be to God!**

\* ♪ **POSTLUDE - “Go Tell It On The Mountain”**

*We invite you to participate in worship, reading the parts in bold print. ♪ means All Sing!*

*\* 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.

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Washoe people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this country their home.

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**Follow Jesus. Love All. Serve Others.**