

# Grove Presbyterian Church

## Service of Worship

Epiphany Weekend & Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

10:15 AM

January 8, 2017

### -- Ready for the Word --

Announcements and Welcome

Words of Greeting

Musical Prelude

Rev. Dr. William Knudsen  
by Franck

### “O Lord Most Holy”

Invitation to Worship

*Leader: God gathers us from the farthest parts of the earth.  
God brings together a great variety of people.*

**People: We come with radiant delight before our God.  
We come with joyous dancing and singing.**

*Leader: Let us worship God.*

Choral Beginning

### “Bless His Holy Name”

\*We Sing Together Hymnbook No. 474

### “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

We Confess Together

*We confess to you, God of our ancestors, that we have heard your word but ignored its witness. We have nodded agreement with your truth, but we follow our own ways. Your commands are frozen on paper, for we do not warm to their possibilities for our lives. As the word became flesh in Christ, we pray it may come alive in us. Melt our rigid perceptions and prejudices. Break down our resistance to change. Bring us together in a community of faith, boldly receptive to the gospel.*

Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: To all who receive Christ, who believe in the name and trust in that love, God gives power to become children of God.*

**People: When we are born of the spirit, we receive grace upon grace. Light shines into our lives to bring understanding and empowerment.**

*Leader: The goodness of our God makes us radiant witnesses to God’s truth.*

\*Response

Hymnbook No. 310, verse 1

*Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest.*

### -- Receiving the Word --

Passing of the Peace and Children’s Story

\*Song of Praise

Hymnbook No. 63

### “As with Gladness Men of Old”

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lesson (page 865)

Scripture Lesson (page 2)

Reflection

Musical Offering

Micah 5: 2-5a

Matthew 2: 1-12

“**Star Gazing**”

by Perry

### “Sing to the Lord a New Song”

### -- Responding to the Word --

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

arranged by Hayes

### “We Worship and Adore You”

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Those who wish, are invited to say to your neighbor when you serve them:*

*...the body of Christ broken for you...*

*...the blood of Christ shed for you...*

Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

\*Song of Commitment

Hymnbook No. 369

### “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

\*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction

### “Lord, Be Glorified”

\*Postlude

by Boely

### “Postlude”

from “*The Liturgical Service for the Organ*”

\*Please rise as able

Participants in today’s service include James D. Kishbaugh (Worship Leader), Senior Choir (choral beginning and benediction, musical offering), Joy Christian (organist), and Steve Cureton (reflection). Reflection for next week: “*And the Word of the Year is...*”