

**Service of Worship**  
*Second Sunday after Christmas*  
January 5, 2020 10:15 AM

\*Please rise as able

-- **Ready for the Word** --

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude arranged by Dupré

**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

Choral Beginning – *sung with the Congregation* Hymnal No. 133

**Verse 3: Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

The Light of God Enters

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Reader 1: Today, the day before Epiphany, we remember how the wisemen visited the child Jesus. We again light just the Christ candle, now reminding us of the light of the star which guided the wisemen to Jesus

*Light the Christ Candle*

Reader 2: We place the wisemen to remind us of the gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh, which foretell Jesus’ journey on earth. The gold tells us of Jesus’ kingship; frankincense, an incense, of his Godship; and myrrh, an embalming agent, of his crucifixion. They symbolize how Jesus the Baby will be and is Jesus the Christ.

**People: God, as the wisemen knelt before the child Jesus and worshipped him, may we too worship Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior, recognizing him as the salvation of the world.**

\*Hymn Hymnal No. 150

**“As with Gladness Men of Old”**

Prayer of Confession (*reformedworship.org*)

**Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our**

**inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.**

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon (*from “Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord”*)

**Thy mercy and thy truth, O Lord, transcend the lofty sky;  
thy judgments are a mighty deep, and as the mountains high.  
The fountain of eternal life is found alone with thee,  
and in the brightness of thy light we clearly light shall see.**

\*Response



\*Passing of the Peace

-- **Receiving the Word** --

Children’s Sermon

\*Hymn Hymnal No. 110

**“Love Has Come”**

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (OT page 690) Isaiah 60:1-6

New Testament Lesson (NT page 2) Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection **“The Other Side of Epiphany”**

Musical Offering arranged by Heffler

**“We Three Kings”**

-- **Responding to the Word** --

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Hymnal Pg. 35

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

